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Marshall School fourth-graders Jake Shepard, left, and Jessica Arnold, second from right, watch as Tetsuka Yamamoto, second from left, and Kiyomi Yano, right, perform the Japanese Tea Ceremony, or "chodo" — the way of tea — for their class.

Library may need referendum

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach residents may be asked to vote on a referendum in November to keep the village library open. Questions about the legality of the library, located at the Oakmont Shopping Center on Pontoon Road, were raised at Tuesday's Board meeting. Mayor Glen Wilson said former Village Attorney Keith Jensen had said the village could fund the library, but Village Attorney Brian Polinski told board members that because voters turned down a referendum creating the district several years ago, the village should probably not be funding it. The Board considered a reso-

'It leaves a bad taste in my mouth to give Granite City Library District a chance to tax our residents without representation.'

Bob Vincent

lution to stop funding for the library, but tabled the matter to give trustees more time to consider options. The village formed the library district about five years ago. (See LIBRARY, Page 10A)

Origami comes to Marshall



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Japanese woman spends year at school

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Kiyomi Yano is a long way from home. The 34-year-old typist from Hiroshima is spending the school year at Marshall School as part of an international internship program. "I'm introducing Japanese culture and language to the children," she said. In addition to her time at Marshall School, she recently spent three weeks at Maryville School, and some time in other Granite City schools. Among the things she teaches are origami, the art of paper folding; Japanese calligraphy; and Chodo, the tea ceremony. Yano said persuading the children to try different things can be difficult, especially when food is involved. "The food is different," she said. "In (See ORIGAMI, Page 8A)

Bridge to open again for walk

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

Lots of folks drive across the Mississippi River via Interstate 270, but soon they'll have a chance to walk across it on the old Chain of Rocks Bridge. Gateway Trailnet on April 26 will open the old bridge, which closed in 1968 and is just south of I-270. The hours that day will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a "March for the Parks" event. The SMTM Volkspoint Society is sponsoring the event. Adults, children and pets are welcome to attend. Admission is \$5 per person with proceeds benefiting Gateway Trailnet. Gateway Trailnet, which holds a 29-year lease on the bridge, also will be selling pieces of the old surface for \$5 during the walk, said Kevin

Keach, Gateway Trailnet's office manager. The group is raising money to resurface the bridge and install safety fencing. Andrew Lucas of Florissant, an SMTM member, said the walk provides a look at the Mississippi people rarely have a chance to see. "We'll start on the Missouri side," Lucas said. "We'll walk across the bridge and walk up to the canal then back. It's about six miles." The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) estimates that more than 80,000 people will participate in 60 different March for Parks events in the United States and Canada during the week of April 19-26. NPCA, a non-profit citizen organization founded in 1919, began March for Parks in (See BRIDGE, Page 10A)

Museum plans WW II show

Officials still looking for permanent home for artifacts

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Even though the Armed Forces Museum of St. Louis is housed up in a temporary Alton location, the museum group can still put on a great show. The museum completely evacuated its home recently at the Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City; it had been there for the past 10 years. The U.S. Army wanted the museum off the base, because the military needs the space. Museum leaders are still looking for a permanent home — possibly in Cahokia, although they won't say exactly where in the Metro East the new home will be until all of the details have been worked out. In the meantime, said Retired Civil Air Patrol Capt. Carol Venable, museum director and a Ferguson, Mo., resident, the museum will help put on a World War II re-enactment April 25-26. "It ought to be a pretty exciting time, like the 4th of July on the (St. Louis)

'The re-enactment last year was spectacular. I don't know if we can top last year.'

Carol Venable

riverfront," he said. The re-enactment is set for Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis County, where museum officials and veterans plan to help stage a battle between Allied and Nazi forces, with museum vehicles as participants. "The re-enactment last year was spectacular," he said. "I don't know if we can top last year." The museum and the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation are sponsoring the free event, which is based

at the visitors center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Battle times are 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. April 25, and 1:30 p.m. April 26. For more information, call (314) 564-5714. Venable said some of the participating vehicles include the museum's World War II tanks, armored cars, jeeps and anti-aircraft guns. "The vehicles and veterans will be of course firing blanks, which Venable said for the vehicles runs between ".20 to 25 cents a pop." The museum vehicles will also participate in Cahokia's 300th anniversary party in a few years. The museum is home to many rare and historically valuable pieces of military equipment, including: * Three extremely rare, prototype Jeeps. * The 14th M-60 main battle tank ever built. Its hull and turret were cast at Granite City Steel. (See MUSEUM, Page 10A)

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Minimum wage is not enough

By Carol Moseley-Braun

Like most Illinoisians, you probably go to work every day so that you can pay bills, care for your family, and save for your children's education and your own retirement. As long as nothing goes wrong, you will be able to afford a good life for yourself and your children.

Now imagine trying to manage on just \$10.72 a year. That is the challenge faced by mothers and fathers in Illinois who are earning the minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. For a parent raising two children and working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, \$5.15 an hour does not even raise the family above the poverty level.

I fought for the bill that raised the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour, and close to 10 million workers benefited. Yet the minimum wage is still too low. If you work hard and play by the rules, you should be able to care for your family. That is the American way, and that is why I am sponsoring legislation to raise the minimum wage by \$1 an hour.

Our economy is strong and growing stronger. The unemployment rate is low, and new jobs are being created in record numbers. This economic strength, however, has not translated into increased wages for many of those on the lower rungs of the economic ladder.

In fact, the income disparity between the richest and the poorest is increasing. In Illinois, it has increased by more than 46 percent in the last 20 or so years.

During that time, the average income of the poorest 20 percent in Illinois fell by \$25,000. At the same time, the average income of the richest 20 percent increased by more than \$25,000. An increase in the

minimum wage will help close the gap.

Raising the minimum wage not only helps workers. Recent studies show that it's not bad for business, either. Studies by the Economic Policy Institute and economists at Berkeley and Princeton University show that employers have not suffered, as many opponents had predicted, under past increases in the minimum wage.

Many businesses, in fact, will suffer if we do not raise the minimum wage. Businesses that pay their employees a wage that can support a family are competing with businesses that try and cut costs by cutting wages.

This creates a race to the bottom with the most profits going to the company paying the lowest wages. Raising the minimum wage ensures that all businesses can afford to pay a decent wage.

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A simple increase in the minimum wage is, of course, a temporary solution. As inflation increases, the minimum wage will buy less and less. The solution is to tie the minimum wage rate to inflation—as prices rise, so does the minimum wage.

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Ads hit home with 'small towners'

The ad agency that creates Maxwell House commercials would simply date on something a friend recently showed me.

The coffee company's TV ads are currently using a theme glorifying America's small towns, each commercial ending with the admonition: "Never forget who we are and where we came from," and I suspect they hit home with all of us who have, at one time or another, lived in such towns.

At any rate, a newspaper in southeast Illinois, the *Wayne County Press*, each year issues what it calls the Pink Press (it's printed on pink newsprint) and the coffee ad applies to the special issue. I have no idea what the circulation of the bi-weekly amounts to but an awful lot of former residents must still subscribe.

During a recent evening spent with my friend, he let me read the '98 issue of the Pink Press, which his year appeared Feb. 19. My friend is



Carol Clarkin

a native of Wayne County, born in Burnt Prairie (but you've never been there!) and excluding his college years, he was educated in Cisne and Fairfield, where his mother was a teacher. She's now a patient in a Madison County Nursing Home and, like those the *Wayne County Press* calls the county's "Wanderers" likes to be reminded of where she came from and catch up on news of former neighbors and friends.

So, apparently, do others like her. The Pink Press issue is full of letters from former residents. Their letters remind of

who they are, who their parents were, where they attended school and worked, such as an Evansville lady who "grew up west of Geff," attended Berry Grade School and Cisne High School and is still a member of Oak Valley F.W.B. Church, west of Geff. She wrote of her current family, what her kids are up to these days, where the family vacationed last year and urged old friends to write her.

Another former resident, writing for the first time, told readers he was "glad to have been raised in Wayne County. I have so many good memories of those days and the many people I met there." His family, he wrote, was a musi-

cal one and his early memories were of an uncle bringing his band from St. Louis to play for parties and his mother and oldest brother playing at Zenith. "Often when I got off the school bus, I could hear Mom's piano playing down the lane."

Reading those letters gave me a sense of empathy with the Wanderers. In the first 32 years of my life, I lived in 12 different communities (not counting the town in which I was born). Three of them (St. Louis, Chicago and Decatur) twice each. Some as small or smaller than Fairfield, though none as tiny as Burnt Prairie. In some cases, we lived in a

(See CLARKIN, Page 10A)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For politicians, fun continues

TO THE EDITOR:

The betrayal of the public by its political servants continues unabated. I am referring to the report that lawyer Glenn Bradford has been given a \$20,000 state contract to work for House Speaker Michael Madigan six days after he left the House. Of course, the basic state contract includes a provision to reimburse him for travel expenses. I can just imagine the travel expenses he will be thrown into a contract embellishment.

To the above "good ole boy" arrangement is the job with Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine's office, which pays him an additional \$20,000. Voters should not forget that affiliation and close ties to the present appointed state Rep. Jay Hoffman has with this group. There always seems to be an empty desk in Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine's office for the rejected politicians. Rep. Hoffman has one of those desks and he now claims that as experience in his bid to represent the 112th District again. That is a stretch.

JOHN PEARSON
Collinsville

Brave bunch of do-gooders

TO THE EDITOR:

It is certainly a relief to see some of the County Board members who have found a way to save the taxpayers a little money.

My concern is that after learning and reading about the board members voting pay raises, more lucrative pensions, etc., they have the guts to pick out a group of old and defenseless county residents to be the citizens who will be thrown out to the wolves.

What a brave bunch of do-gooders. I'm willing to bet that most of these brave souls have spent little time visiting the residents of the Shelter Care Home or the Country Nursing Home.

I'm sure one would find the prisoners in any jail living a better and more costly lifestyle than the people in the Madison County Shelter Care and Nursing Home.

After the homes are closed, we will be very lucky if we see a \$10 reduction in our tax bill in 1999.

Possibly you may see some of these money saving board members in church on Sunday morning.

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NEWS

Crider finds himself in midst of battle

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Alan Crider's first minutes on the Madison County Board were eventful ones.

Shortly after being sworn in, Granite City's Crider found himself voting on what might have been the fate of Madison County's Nursing and Sheltered Care Homes. Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa prefaced the vote by saying the possible closure of the homes was "the most controversial and most emotional vote" the board had faced in its 18 years on the job.

Crider, principal at Grigsby Middle School and a former Granite City alderman, replaces Mac Warfield in District 20. Warfield resigned his post last month to head up the Metro East Sanitary District.

Crider's leaving his Granite City seat leaves two openings on the Granite City Council. Last month, Ward 4 Alderman Nancy Sanders, Lake School principal, resigned her seat.

While several of his new colleagues gave brief comments about their stands on the homes' future during Wednesday's meeting, Crider did not. He did, however, vote for a measure that would have hired a consultant to study the feasibility of building a new, combined center.

The measure failed 15-13. H. Jack Frandsen, D-Alton, who has been outspoken in his stand to close the homes, said the county does not need to "furnish goods and services that can be provided by the private sector."

Frandsen said that citizens in his district overwhelmingly voted against two tax proposals designed to save the homes and that the board should listen to those it represents.

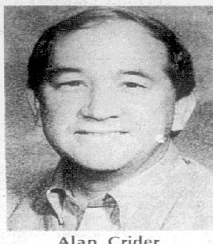
"People have a dim view of government now," Frandsen said. "They will have a worse view if we go against their will."

Herbert "Junior" Milton, D-Granite City, said, "I have my doubts on what they voted for because only 8 percent of the people voted."

Milton also disagreed with the idea that private care facilities will absorb the county's Medicare patients.

"I've read the articles and they have kicked (Medicare patients) out completely with no place to go," Milton said, waving a copy of a *Wall Street Journal* article.

Albert Charleston, D-Alton, said more attention needs to be paid to the people who are



Alan Crider

affected, rather than weighing the volume of people served against those paying for it.

"That's not a good criteria to say do or don't," Charleston said. "So what if it only (involves) 165 people... it's 165 people that could be hurt by my vote."

Ray Romine, D-Granite City, agreed. He said the tax proposals passed about 3-1 in Granite City and even higher in his District 21.

"It's not a matter of votes," Romine said. "We have to remember one thing. We are the keeper of our people."

Nick Hamilos, D-Glen Carbon, faulted the board for doing the process in reverse. The public's vote should have come last, he said.

"We went wrong to begin with," Hamilos said. "The study should have been done first."

Meeting may decide nursing home's fate

County Board splits on hiring consultant

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A special meeting will likely be held this week to determine the fate of the Madison County Nursing and Sheltered Care Homes.

In an almost split decision Wednesday morning, the Madison County Board voted 15-13 against a resolution that would have hired a consultant to look into a new building that would combine the two homes. The resolution, recommended by the Health Institutions Committee, would have given the board until August to make a decision on the homes' fate and until June 30, 1999, to close them.

But a counter resolution, submitted by the Finance Committee, sought to make Nov. 30 the targeted closing date. The resolution, brought to the floor by Bill Little, D-Alton, finance chairman, did not make it to a vote. That resolution likely will be the sole agenda item for a special meeting of the board tentatively set for 9:30 a.m. next Wednesday.

"They are gathering signatures now," County Administrator James Monday said Wednesday afternoon.

"If they get enough, we'll have a special meeting."

The counter resolution almost made it to a vote by the same 15-13 margin that the original resolution failed, when members voted to suspend the rules to get it on the agenda. However, State's Attorney William Haine pointed out, just prior to the vote, that a two-third majority is needed to suspend the rules, something it

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didn't have.

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said that in the event of a tie vote, he would break it by voting against the study.

"The voters have spoken and said it loud and clear," Papa said.

In last month's primary, voters overwhelmingly defeated two tax proposals, one that would have issued \$6.5 million in bonds to build a new combined home and the other that would have the maximum tax rate assessed for the center's operation to as much as double. Both measures failed by about 4-1.

In addition to Little, members voting against the feasibility study for a combined new building included: James Fitzgerald, D-Collinsville; Michael Fruth, D-Edwardsville; Homer Henke, R-Muro; Tony Payne, D-Wood River; Don Rea, D-Granite City; and Don Sonnenberg, D-Maryville.

Member Don Garrett, D-Madison, asked if the failed resolution would prevent the board from putting the issue back on the ballot.

Haine said that it is within the board's discretion. The board could not, however, put an "advisory referendum" on the ballot, a question of whether or not the home should be closed, but residents can, by collecting signatures equal to 10 percent of voters in last month's election.

Heating control system sought

Bids to be sought for work at new system at high school

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison School Board will be seeking bids for environmental controls for the heating system at Madison High School.

At Thursday's meeting, the board approved seeking bids for the system, which would be similar to one installed in Madison Middle School.

Superintendent Gary Allison said that system — installed by St. Louis-based company EPM — saved the district approximately \$65,000 in electrical costs over the past year.

Allison said the company has submitted a proposal for similar improvements at Madison High School.

"The system is quite old, and thus controls are not performing," Allison said. "The heat is turned up to nearly maxi-

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mum, some rooms get comfortable, others are still cold, and others open their windows."

The cost of the system — including adding or replacing pneumatic controls, night setbacks, and system monitoring and controlling equipment — would be about \$310,000, to be paid over a 10-year period.

However, Allison said the expected savings to the district over that time period is estimated at about \$425,000.

"That savings includes lower utility bills as well as maintenance costs which would not be incurred because the old and faulty equipment has been replaced," he said.

The board unanimously approved having Illinois — which served as project

manager for the middle school project — to act as project manager at the high school.

The board also approved a resolution to continue participating in the Mississippi Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative's insurance pool.

The board also approved a no-pass-no-play policy for extra-curricular activities. The district has had a similar policy in place, but it had apparently never been formalized.

The formal policy had been suggested by the Illinois High School Association.

In other business, the board approved hiring one substitute custodian and three substitute cooks.

The board also approved the retirement of teachers Janice Parizon and Virginia Washington.

Man charged in officer's stabbing

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Two Granite City men face felony charges in unrelated incidents that took place earlier this week.

Larry Dever, 31, of the 2500 block of Myrtle Avenue, was charged with aggravated battery after he allegedly stabbed a Granite City patrolman. According to police reports, officers were called to a home in the 2100 block of Edison after receiving a report Dever was chasing a woman with a knife Monday night.

Dever apparently had been drinking with two friends when police said he became angry that one would give him money to buy cocaine.

While attempting to search Dever, he began struggling with an officer.

The patrolman was trying to help subdue Dever when the suspect stabbed him with a hemostat, a medical instrument, authorities said.

The patrolman was treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Dever is being held in Madison County Jail on \$75,000 bail set by Circuit Judge Charles Romani. If convicted, Dever could face two to five years in prison.

In a second, unrelated incident early Tuesday morning, Granite City Police arrested an employee for allegedly setting fire to his boss' car.

Thomas D. Biehler, 47, of the 2400 block of Grand Avenue, was charged with arson for allegedly setting fire to a tavern owner's 1995 Saturn SL2 parked at an apartment in the 4000 block of Sara early Tuesday.

According to police reports, residents reported seeing a car that matched Biehler's in the area before the car burned.

The suspect's car was later found abandoned and smelled of gasoline, the suspect accelerator for the fire.

Residents of the area also reported seeing Biehler hiding behind trees near the apartment complex, and said Biehler told them he lived in the complex.

The arson charge is a class 2 felony and carries a prison term of three to seven years.

Biehler is currently being held on a \$50,000 bond set by Circuit Judge Charles Romani.

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'Special' cause

Officers run to Ft. Leonard Wood for Olympians

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

St. Louis Police Col. Ray Lauer's commitment to Special Olympics began after a tug to the heart.

He heard an Olympian tell about his love for the games. "He brought my wife to tears," says Lauer, commander of the south patrol division. "That's how I got involved with this. This is an amazing group of people."

Lauer is on the organizing committee of the annual Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is one of more than 200 crime-fighting agencies in Missouri that support Special Olympics through the run to Fort Leonard Wood, site of the games.

Last year, officers raised \$43,000 for Special Olympics. SLPD collected \$55,000 and is one of more than 100 police agencies in the state designated as a "Torch Club" member for topping the \$1,000 mark.

The run takes several hours, but fund raising is a year-long effort.

"I do a lot of cajoling," Lauer said. "I bring it up at community meetings and other places. We do get a good response."

Officers also organize a trivia night and a golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics. The recent trivia night brought in \$7,000.

Donations from officers, business people and residents from across the state cover the cost of transportation, lodging and food for Special Olympians, a group that includes children and adults of all ages diagnosed with mental retardation.

The donations also help pay for several other Special Olympics activities throughout the year.

The torch run is law enforcement's largest fund-raiser for Special Olympics and the eighth-largest torch run in the world. A total of 700 runners cover 900 miles.

On the morning of May 13, officers will begin their run from seven different locations in Missouri. The starting point for area police is the St. Ann Community Center, 1 Community Center Drive, in North County.

Harmon calls for replacing warning system

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

The time is right to replace the city's old emergency siren system, St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon said April 14 after severe weather hit the area.

Only about half the existing sirens are working. "If we delay taking action until catastrophe strikes the city, it is a decision we will forever regret," Harmon said.

A day before Harmon's comments, tornadoes and high winds caused severe damage in parts of St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Madison County, Ill.

Although no significant damage was reported in the City of St. Louis, Harmon said, "Our luck is eventually going to run out."

"I won't stand by and gamble with the safety of the people who live, work and visit our city," he said. "We are living on borrowed time. It's time to act."

Harmon said an emergency siren system is "a necessity, not a luxury, when you live in 'Tornado Alley' and within the impact area of the New Madrid Fault."

It would cost about \$2.5 million to replace the system. Some of the funds left over from the city's anticipated \$5 million budget surplus for fiscal year 1998 would pay for it.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment must approve the purchase for it to take effect. The board includes Harmon, St. Louis Comptroller Darlene Green and President of the Board of Aldermen Francis G. Slay.

After the estimate board gives its consent, the full board of aldermen must also approve the purchase.

Slay said he supports Harmon's decision.

"This has been a long-standing and potentially serious problem," Slay said. "I'm delighted to support a move to eliminate the threat that is created by not being prepared."

Most of the route goes along Interstate 70. Officers riding motorcycles act as escorts. Other officers ride along in vans and wait for their turns to run.

The weather can sometimes be frightful.

"Once we were huddled underneath an overpass and the corner scared to death," says 3rd District Police Lt. Jim Moran, an avid runner and a big supporter of Special Olympics. "Yeah, we've had some pretty scary weather."

As for lugging the torch for the entire trip, Moran says officers do hoist it sometimes, but he says, "It's a pretty heavy torch."

After a ceremony at the state capital in Jefferson City, the runners depart on another leg of their trip to a St. Roberts hotel, outside Ft. Leonard Wood. On the evening of the 14th, officers and athletes jog into the stadium — with their torches.

Fans inside the stadium greet the sizable group with a robust cheer.

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OBITUARIES

Bird King

BIRD KING, 93, of Granite City, died at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 1998, at his home with his family.

King was born Dec. 23, 1904, in Union County, Ill. He retired in 1974 after 16 years doing maintenance for the Granite City Park District and was a member of the West 22nd Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Ben King of Washington Park and John and David King, both of Granite City; two daughters, Naomi Frohling of Addison and Martha Thompson of Granite City; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Laura "Lynn" King; two wives, Ethel (Smith) King and Helen (Rhodes) King; three sons, James, Charles and Clifford King; one daughter, Alice King; three brothers, Richard, Nathaniel and Milton King; and two sisters, Gerie King and Mame Jones.

Services were Saturday at Thomas Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Les Atkins of the West 22nd Street Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Elder Michael
ELDER GRANVILLE MICHAEL, 91, of Eagle Park died Sunday, April 12, 1998, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Michael, and two brothers, Douglas Michael and Henry McCoy.

Services were Saturday at the Quin Mission A.M.E. Church in Madison with the Rev. James Pittman officiating. Interment followed in the Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel made the arrangements.

Rose Mary Baumeier
ROSE MARY (LE ROSE) BAUMEIER, 88, of Granite City died at 1:26 p.m. April 16, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Dec. 8, 1939, in Granite City, where she lived her entire life. A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, she retired from First National Bank in Madison in 1963 after 5 years as a teller.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Baumeier of Granite City; her daughter, Brigitte Baumeier of Granite City; her sister, Marcia Jordan of Granite City; her mother, Martha Le Rose of Granite City; and her granddaughter, Tiana Baumeier. She was preceded in death by her father, Anthony Le Rose; and her son Todd Baumeier.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland in Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 20, at the funeral home with the Rev. James Keppner officiating.

Burial will follow in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights. Memorial Masses are suggested to St. Mary's Church in Madison.

Earl Odum
EARL ODUM, 77, of Caulfield, Mo., died at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 1998, at John J. Pershing Veterans Administration Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mr. Odum was born Dec. 24, 1920, in Cabool, Mo. He was a U.S. Army veteran and had been employed for 37 years as an auto mechanic with the Lincoln, Mercury, Ford of St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Anna (Verbie) Odum; five children, Dale Odum of Ladue, Mo.; Jackie Odum of Collinsville; Paula Mitchell, James Odum and Steve Odum, all of Granite City; one brother, Ralph Odum of Salem, Mo.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lefty (Cope) Odum; one son, Larry Odum; one sister, and two brothers.

Services were Saturday, April 18, at the Bakerfield Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Bakerfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Robertson-Drage Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Dennis Canter
DENNIS RAY CANTER, 44, of Collinsville died Tuesday, April 14, 1998, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born Feb. 11, 1954, in Granite City.

Mr. Canter was a cable installer and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Tiffany Canter of California; two sons, Shane Canter of Maryland and Joshua Canter of Granite City; his father, George Canter of St. Charles, Mo.; two sisters, Deborah Holman of Collinsville and Lonna Summers of Lebanon; his brothers, Jeff and Jamie Canter; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Alma (Edwards) Canter.

Private services were April 11 in Granite City.

Marcella Tucker
MARCELLA B. (BOYER) TUCKER, 76, of Granite City died Friday, April 17, at St. Mary's Health Center in Richmond Heights, Mo.

Born Jan. 19, 1922, in Tiff, Mo., she was the owner for 30 years of the Granite City School of Beauty Culture. Mrs. Tucker was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and received nursing training at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Tucker of Granite City, whom she married Sept. 5, 1941; her son, John Tucker of Hermitage, Tenn.; her daughters, Sheila Stockton of Granite City and Paula Roberts of Glen Carbon; her brother, Bernard

Boyer of Arizona; her sisters, Martha Ferris and Redelia Coleman, both of Missouri; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Tucker, and three brothers, Robert, Theodore and Edgar Boyer.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Inwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City. There will be a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Bill Fisher, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Edwin A. Walcher Jr., a retired director and corporate vice president of AMSTED Industries, died Thursday, April 9, 1998, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill. He was 86.

Mr. Walcher had completed a 40-year career with AMSTED Industries, where he rose from the board of directors in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Marilyn Weber of Chesterfield, Ill., and Carol Walcher of Pittsburgh; one sister, Helen Caldwell of Bloomington, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being made through Bish and Son Funeral Home in Springfield (217-544-5424). A private family service is planned with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery Mausoleum in St. Louis. The family requests that contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

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NEWS

Budget has slight deficit

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A projected budget for Finton Beach shows a slight deficit, but leaves the village in "pretty good shape," according to officials. A public hearing on the budget has been set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the village hall.

Trustee Lou Whitsell, chairman of the Finance Committee, said budgeted expenses will exceed income by about \$150,000. The village's fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30. However, the village combines its budget and appropriations ordinance, meaning the village would probably not spend all the budgeted amounts.

While the budget sets the panned amount of expenditures, the appropriations ordinance sets the legal spending limits, and is usually set higher than expected expenditures.

Whitsell said the village has budgeted expenses of \$2,484,928, with expected income of \$2,331,721.

The budget is divided into two sections: general fund expenditures, which pay for most of the day-to-day operations of the village, and special funds.

Total expenditures in the general fund are expected to be \$1.7 million.

The largest portion of that — \$771,100 — will

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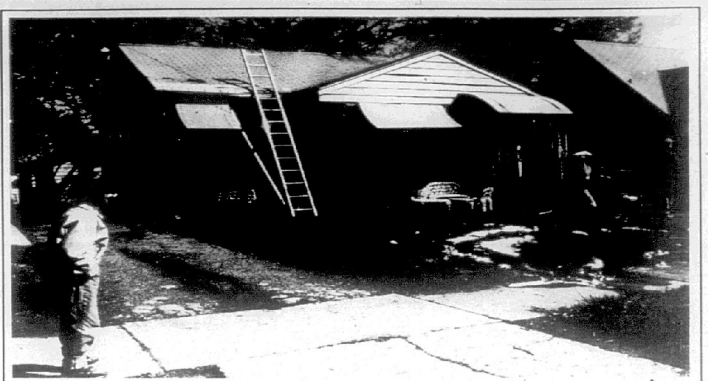
be for police protection.

Other general fund expenses are: administration — \$104,000, mayor's office — \$38,010, comptroller's office — \$67,350, clerk's office — \$12,100, building and health — \$62,900, contractual services — \$442,000, building maintenance — \$29,000, library — \$40,000, street and refuse — \$33,500, humane department — \$21,150, and a contingency fund — \$86,450.

Special fund expenditures include tourism fund — \$25,000, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (including social security and medicare taxes) — \$75,000, police pension fund — \$132,368, tax increment financing district — \$300,000, public building lease — \$100,000, motor fuel tax fund — \$125,000, salary increases — \$20,000.

In other business the Board approved an ordinance creating a Tourism Committee. The committee would oversee expenditures from the village's tourism fund — which is a tax on motel accommodations within the village. Mayor Glen Wilson must appoint four members to the committee.

As of April 11, the fund had a balance of \$74,718.30.



Staff photo by JOHN FRIESE

Morning blaze

A Friday morning fire caused smoke, water and fire damage to a home on West 27th Street in Granite City. The fire started in the bedroom, possibly caused by a cigarette, according to the fire department. There were no injuries.

Mississippi moves toward higher ground in Grafton

By Ande Yakstis
Telegraph staff writer

Dave and Cheryl Cassens moved fishing and hunting supplies out of their store Thursday as floodwater crept closer. High water from the Mississippi River covered sections of Illinois 100 through Grafton when the river jumped to 25 feet — 7 feet above flood

stage. Water moved toward the door of Cassens Bait Shop in the 800 block of Main Street. "We're moving our merchandise out of the store and storing it on higher ground until the water goes down," said Cheryl Cassens, co-owner of Cassens Bait Shop in the 800 block of Main Street. Cassens is a busy business, selling bait and fishing gear, archery and hunting supplies and food to visitors in Grafton. "After the water drops, we'll move back into the shop."

The Illinois Department of Transportation closed Route 100, between Illinois Route 3 at Grafton and Illinois Route 16, said Kent Muskopf, operations engineer at IDOT. Heavy rains in the upper Mississippi were expected to push the river to a crest of 27.1 feet at Grafton late Saturday, 9 feet above flood stage, said Dave Busse of the water control office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis. The 27.1-foot level will be the highest since May 22, 1995, when the water reached 30.4 feet, Busse said. "The river should start to fall on Sunday at Grafton," Water crossed Main at the city ball diamond,

said Sandy Rowling, secretary to Grafton Mayor Bobbie Amburg. "Water is across the road, but all the businesses and restaurants are still open on the east end of Grafton. People can still drive from Alton to shop at our stores and eat at our restaurants." The river rose to 26.8 feet at Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton Thursday, more than 5 feet above the 21-foot flood level, Busse said.

The 29-foot crest will be the highest since May 22, 1995, when the river hit 35 feet at the dam, Busse said. In Calhoun County, Illinois Route 94 was closed at Mozier after the Mississippi flooded it with 4 feet of water. "The highway is shut down to traffic," said Bill Clendenny, who runs the Mozier Short Stop, a convenience store and restaurant near the flooded highway. "The water is 10 inches from the door of my business." "Truck drivers and tourists stop to buy food and supplies and eat at our lunch counter. The highway is under deep water, and there is no traffic, no tows and no trucks. I did only \$13 worth of business Thursday morning, and that came from local residents."

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NEWS

MILESTONES

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Jackie Schooley celebrated a birthday April 11.
Peggy Miller celebrated a birthday April 12.
Alec Lucas Mann celebrated a birthday April 12.
Dawn and Jeff Dowdy celebrated their wedding anniversary April 12.
Lionie Joe Chapman celebrated a birthday April 13.
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George L. McGarran celebrated a birthday April 15.
Brenda L. Rohan celebrated a birthday April 15.
Laurie Cotter celebrated a birthday April 15.
Betty and Mike Eichelberger celebrated their wedding anniversary April 15.
Leann J. Reed celebrated a birthday April 16.
Lynette Vandik celebrated a birthday April 16.
Kimberly Dawn Flaucher celebrated a birthday April 16.
The Rev. Claude E. Shelby Sr. celebrated a birthday April 16.
Michael Ozanich celebrated a birthday April 16.
Cindy Worthen celebrated a birthday April 16.
Richard and Rose Marie Bauer celebrated April 16.
Scott and Tracy Wilson celebrated their wedding anniversary April 17.
Dennis Ross celebrated a birthday April 17.
Edward Haynes Jr. celebrated a birthday April 17.

Isenberg named to student post

At a recent convention of the AIAS (American Institute of Architecture Students), Amy J. Isenberg was elected to serve as national vice president for a one-year term in office at the AIAS National Headquarters in Washington, DC.

During the Council of Presidents Membership Convention, Crossroads FORUM '98, held in Denver, Colo., members chose Isenberg to serve as their second officer on the AIAS Board of Directors. An independent, non-profit organization founded in 1956, the institute is headquartered in the nation's capital.

Isenberg currently serves as President of the UIUC-AIAS student body. A 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, she received her bachelor of science degree in architecture at the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana in May 1996. After completing her master of architecture, management option degree at UIUC this spring, Isenberg will assume her new position.

Isenberg's organizational credits include a design team studio that developed and constructed a rehabilitation project in the Winstanley neighborhood of East St. Louis; ESILARP, a voluntary program working with community organizations for city rehabilitation; Habitat for Humanity; and CLASS, Complementary Luncheon Among Scholars and Students.

Currently, Isenberg is a student research assistant for the Building Research Council at the school of architecture in Champaign. Additionally, she serves as chairman of the school of architecture graduation committee, and is member of the planning committee for the Annual Architecture Awards Banquet and the first annual Job Fair and Accreditation Review. Isenberg was recently selected as the only student representative for NAAB (National Architecture Accreditation Board) to evaluate the School of Architecture at Yale University this February.

Three community organizations helped Isenberg to begin her university training. She received the Granite City Business and Professional Women's Verna Lengyel Scholarship from 1992-95; the Dorothy Beck Scholarship as a Past Honor Queen, Bethel & Job's Daughters; and the Granite City High School Foundation Scholarship in 1992.

Isenberg is the daughter of Stephen and Jane Isenberg, both teachers for District 9, Granite City. She is the granddaughter of Marie Isenberg of Granite City.

Stephanie Awalt celebrated a birthday April 17.
James Bailey Sr. celebrated a birthday April 17.
Tally M. and Mary Evans celebrated their wedding anniversary April 18.
Janet M. Dye celebrated a birthday April 18.
Tate Gehrig celebrated a birthday April 18.
Kenny Hart celebrated a birthday April 18.
Tori Schatz celebrated a birthday April 18.
Roy and Betty Bellman celebrated their wedding anniversary April 20.
Wayne and Shelly Wood celebrated their wedding anniversary April 21.
Brian Dillard celebrates a birthday April 21.
Frances Goldasick celebrates a birthday April 21.
Karl Cook celebrates a birthday April 22.
Sharon Ann Hildreth celebrates a birthday April 22.
Kim and Darlene Ross celebrate their wedding anniversary April 22.
Rick Hildreth celebrates a birthday April 22.
Scott Valicoff celebrates a birthday April 23.
Mark and Lea Ann Seiber celebrate their wedding anniversary April 23.
James Proffitt celebrates a birthday April 23.
Andrea Pulley celebrates a birthday April 23.
Melissa K. Milton celebrates a birthday April 24.
Amelia "Molly" Schenckoff celebrates a birthday April 24.
Marlee Gunderson celebrates a birthday April 25.
Daniel Robinson celebrates a birthday April 25.
To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

Picasso pales in comparison to what you see in the mirror. Imagine yourself alone with your Creator, who pulled from His spirit an original work of art when He designed you. On his easel, He placed the canvas of your unique self. The paint used was the rainbow of His character and each bristle of the brush was alive with love. Using precise placement, expert skill and great compassion, God made each one of us to be a masterpiece. The spectacular beauty of the world to be a background for us to live out the great drama of our lives.

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SIUE professor named Social Worker of Year

Carol Wesley, assistant professor in the Department of Social Work at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, recently was named Social Worker of the Year by the Metro East St. Louis District of the National Association of Social Workers.

Wesley was honored "for dedication and efforts that underlie the profession of social work through academic leadership, excellence in teaching aimed toward the development of future social work professions and for responding to the needs of students" by helping to organize SIUE's first Social Work Practicum Fair earlier this year at Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

Associated with SIUE since 1996, Wesley is the practicum director for the department.

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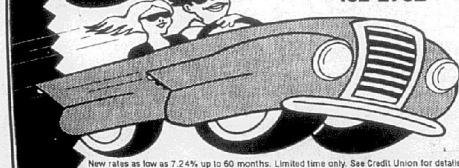
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world through the eyes of a child. Notice the purity of a snowflake, the purring of a kitten or the laughter of children in their games.

"Kids appreciate the simple things," said one reader. "A walk in the park, building a snowman or a bike ride around the neighborhood."

Imagine now, viewing your life when you're 90 years old. What do you wish you had done differently? Organize your priorities with 90-year-old hindsight. Everyone can start again and anew no matter what age. It is only a thought away.

Think positive. Shed layers of self-doubt and you'll be pounds lighter. You and only you determine what thoughts, ideas and actions control you. You can move a mountain if you choose to. With God all things are possible.

Reflect inwardly. Pay attention to your inner voice.

Chose wisely the kinds of prizes, people and situations you spend your precious time on. Utilize your energy doing only the things that will make you happy and help you grow as a person.

Speak aloud positive affirmations each day. Positive words can turn dreams into realities. Consider paintings by Rembrandt, Monet or Hoffman. They have great value because they were created by masters and each piece a priceless work of art. Are you not of more value than these? You were made a masterpiece. Be thankful for the unique individual that you are. God's magnificent portrait just waiting to be unveiled.

Catherine Galasso is a freelance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or be e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Worthen students learning about asthma

Children in Madison County go to hospital emergency rooms at disproportionately high rates when compared to state averages. In response, organizations from throughout the community are working together to educate asthmatic children to control asthma. Recently, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders with asthma who attend Worthen School in Granite City began spending the first school half-hour on Wednesday mornings taking the American Lung Association's Open Airways for Schools class. This six-session program teaches a child to manage and even prevent asthma attacks.

Paula Gomeran, a respiratory therapist from St. Elizabeth Medical Center, is teaching the program. Beginning this month, all elementary schools in Granite City will be participating in Open Airways for Schools.

Granite City, like most other area school districts, does not have a nurse at each school. In an effort to help school nurses serving multiple schools, SEMC is providing Gomeran to insure that asthma education is delivered.

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NEWS

History fraternity plans to meet at McKendree

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Graduate and undergraduate students will be converging on McKendree College on April 25 for the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference. The national history fraternity is presenting its annual conference, allowing students to present their papers to a panel of judges, students and guests.

Twenty-two students will be participating in the conference from 10 colleges and universities from throughout the region. Students from Eastern Illinois University, University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, McKendree College, Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois College, Northwestern Missouri State University, University of St. Francis, and Monmouth College will be participating in the event.

Students were selected after they submitted their papers to Dr. Nancy Beck Young, an assistant professor of history at McKendree College, and two student coordinators, Larisa Redmon and Stephanie Sauge.

Students were then accepted for the conference, Young said.

"We hope they have a positive learning experience (at the conference)," Young said. "This is a chance for students to be historians."

Three McKendree College students will be participating in the conference.

Ryan Welter will be presenting "Raising Cane: Did the attack on Charles Sumner cause the attack on Fort Sumter," discussing one aspect of the coming of the Civil War. Neil Hargis is presenting "Send Them a Message: The Media's Reaction to George Wallace in 1972." Cecil G. Compton III will present, "Under the Bloody Moon: The Whipping of the Republican Party in Spartanburg, South Carolina."

Judges for the papers will include Belleville Area College faculty and McKendree College alumnus, Young said. Nine sessions will be held at the conference. Four sessions will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the first floor of Voigt Science Hall on the college campus. Another session will be held at the same time in Circuit Riders Hall in the college's chapel.

For more information or for reservations at the luncheon, call Young at 537-6914 by Monday.



Photo by BILL BRINSON

Friends

"A Doll's House" by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen is on stage again at 7:30 p.m. April 24-25 and at 2 p.m. April 26 at the Communications Building Theater at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. It tells the story of Nora, portrayed by Regina Hawkins of Granite City, left, wife of the abusive Torvald Helmer. Nora is shown with her best friend, Christine Lind, played by Ann Merkle of Alton. Tickets are \$7; students, with valid ID; and senior citizens are \$5. For information, call 692-2774.

BRIEFLY

Mitchell

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN: In conjunction with the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce clean-up campaign, Chouteau Township Highway Department will assist property owners in the Mitchell area in an effort to beautify the community.

During the week of April 20 they will pick up items hard to dispose of except those included as "white goods."

Refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, dishwashers, water

coolers, heat pumps, chillers, furnaces, boilers and bath tubs.

In addition to white goods, they will not pick up tires, batteries, steel barrels, garbage normally picked up by trash haulers, or any form of hazardous waste. Call 951-6333 and leave your name and address for a pick-up.

Pontoon Beach

EVANGELIST VISIT: The Rev. Jesse Powers, a noted evangelist and author of several books, will be the featured speaker in an evangelistic emphasis April 19-22 at the Pontoon Baptist Church.

In his 40 years of ministry, Powers has preached extensively across the country, as well as in Haiti, Jamaica, Latin America, Russia and Romania. Brian Green, of Irvington, Ill., will serve as music

evangelist.

The church is located at 4000 Highway 111. Sunday services will be at 8 and 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services Monday-Wednesday will be at 7 p.m. There will be special music each night as well as a nursery provided. Call 631-1361 for more information.

BAPTISMS AND PREACHING: Dr. Monte Watts, who preaches across the United States, and Dr. Bob Gray, pastor of Longview Baptist Temple and who baptizes of thousands of new believers over the past two years, will appear April 19-22 at Central Baptist Church.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. each night and 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, 3940 Highway 111. Nursery, deaf interpretation and transportation provided for all services. Call 631-0984 for more information.

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PEARLE VISION

Debbie Turner will speak at SIUE banquet

Debbie Turner, a former Miss America and co-host of "Show Me St. Louis" on KSDK-TV Channel 5, will be the keynote speaker Saturday at the ninth annual Graduation and Awards Banquet of the Organization of Minority Business Students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The banquet, to be served in the second-floor Conference Center of the University Center, will feature a ceremony honoring Lamar Thomas, long-time chief adviser to the SIUE School of Business and founder of OMBS.

Thomas, who is retiring, has worked during his 26-year career at the university to help improve the status and graduation rate of students in general and minority students in particular.

The OMBS has established a scholarship in Thomas' honor, and the first scholarship recipient will be announced at the banquet.

The OMBS also will bestow its 17th W.A. Bobo Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established to honor Bobo, a former employee of the SIUE School of Business who provided exemplary service to the university and to minority students.

There is an admission charge for the banquet, but Turner's speech at 8 p.m. is open to the public. For more information, call Danita Thompson at 692-3790.

Origami

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the tea ceremony, we use a green powdered tea, so it's kind of scary to drink."

"Some kids are very interested, but some kids don't," she said.

Yano participated in a similar program three years ago in Wisconsin.

Yano said she began participating in the intership programs because she wanted to learn to speak English better.

"In Japan, we are required to study English from the seventh grade until we graduate from high school, about six years," she said. "But it's mostly writing and reading and grammar, we don't spend so much time speaking it."

She said learning to speak English is more difficult than learning to read it.

"Every time it's different," she said. "In Japan, we study English, but the English teacher is Japanese, and we mix British English and American English and Australian English."

"Sometimes I speak English but the Americans don't understand what I'm saying, because the pronunciations are different," she said.

As part of her work, she is also trying to teach the Granite City children some of the Japanese language.

However, the differences in the alphabets make it difficult, she said.

"In Japanese, we have different letters, in English there is just only the alphabet," she said. "It's kind of hard to explain to the kids."

Yano said there are 54 characters in the Japanese alphabet, but "tons" of other characters.

"We have an alphabet, but we use different letters, like a Chinese characters," she said.

"Because they don't have that kind of stuff, they can't imagine," she said.

She said language and food are not the only differences.

"In Japan, you would see the mountains everywhere, but here, the land is so flat," she said.

Yano added that it is also very crowded in Japan.

"In my city, the population is 1.1 million," she said. "It's crowded, with tall buildings."

She said being in Granite City is OK, "because I can see the buildings (in downtown St. Louis)."

"That's good for me," she said.

She also said that in the U.S., everybody uses cars.

"If you don't have a car you can't go anywhere," she said. "I have a driver's license, but I don't need to drive in Hiroshima."

She said most people use mass transit.

"It's kind of hard for me because I don't have a car here," she said. "If I want to go out and buy some candy, I can't go by myself because I don't have a car."

In addition to her time at the school, Yano has also spent time sight-seeing.

She recently went to the Arch and the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

CALENDAR

Community

GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP is sponsoring a dance for senior citizens featuring the RSVP Orchestra from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Refreshments will be served. The event is free of charge.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH is holding its Second Benefit Dinner Auction April 25 at the Nelson Hagauer Hall, 2069 Delmar Ave., with proceeds going towards the Vision '98 Fund. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction with dinner beginning at 6 p.m., followed by an oral auction.

Some of the items to be auctioned include quilts, paintings, movie baskets, baseball and hockey tickets, various types of bakery goods and a plane ride. Tickets are \$10 each. For more information about advertising in the program or tickets, call the church at 451-7788.

The Granite City Jaycees are hosting a BENEFIT CHICKEN AND BEER DANCE FOR SARAH KENNELLY, and have joined together with the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the Columbus Home Association and the Pontoon Beach Lions. The benefit is set for 7 p.m. to midnight May 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

Door prizes, a parade of donations, and auction and music by Jeff and Lori are all offered. Tickets are a \$10 donation.

For more information on the benefit, call the Jaycees at 877-4250.

VENICE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND is sponsoring a craft fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 25 at the high school, 700 Broadway in Venice. An assortment of hand-crafted items will be available at this free, annual show. Call 452-6349 for more information.

Music/concerts

THE LIVING OUTREACH CENTER presents an old-fashioned Southern Style Gospel Singing April 24-25 at 3121 W. Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell. At 7 p.m. April 24, The Family Ties Trio takes the stage, and at 7 p.m. April 25, The New Harmony Singers and Echoes From Calvary will sing, along with the host group.

The first artists signed up to appear at the RIVERPORT AMPHITHEATRE in Mayland Heights, off I-70 at the

Earth City Expressway South, include:

Dave Matthews Band, 7:30 p.m. May 21. Lawn and reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets are on sale; reserve tickets go on sale at 5 p.m. April 3.

Clint Black, 7:30 p.m. June 13. Special guests Trace Adkins and The Kinleys. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$24 and \$29.50. Lawn tickets are on sale; reserve tickets go on sale at noon on April 5.

Michael Crawford, 8:30 p.m. June 17. Lawn tickets, \$22; reserved seats, \$40.50, \$52.50 and \$62.50. All tickets are on sale now.

James Taylor, 8:30 p.m. June 26. Lawn tickets, \$15; reserved seats, \$36. Lawn tickets now on sale; reserve tickets on sale at noon on April 4.

Pearl Jam, 8 p.m. July 2. Lawn and reserve tickets, \$26. Tickets on sale now.

Metallica, 7 p.m. July 28. Special guests Jerry Cantrell and Days Of The New. Lawn tickets, \$27.50; reserved seat tickets, \$37.50. Tickets on sale now.

LeAnn Rimes and Bryan White, 8 p.m. August 16. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets on sale now; reserved seats on sale at noon April 4. Tickets are available at the Riverport box office or at more than 40 Capital Tickets outlets, including Famous Barr and Streetside Records, or charge by phone at Dialtix, 989-8000.

Stage plays/musicals

MCKENDREE COLLEGE will present an evening of "Party, Parody and the Capitol Steps" at 6 p.m. April 19 at the St. Louis Adam's Mark Hotel.

The Capitol Steps, who describe themselves as the only group in America that attempts to be funnier than Congress, will be in St. Louis for a special, one-night-only performance.

The McKendree College fund-raiser will include a dinner and an auction.

The Capitol Steps is a troupe of current and "recovering" congressional staffers who monitor events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office and in other centers of power and prestige around the world, and then take a humorous look at serious issues, providing side-splitting humor for their audiences.

The Steps have performed thousands of shows, recorded 15 albums, published a book and performed for the last four presidents.

The guest master of ceremonies will be Dan Buck, host of KSDK-TV Channel 5's "Show Me St. Louis." Honorary chairs will be Congressman and Mrs. Jerry F. Costello, and Congressman and Mrs. John M. Shimkus.

The proceeds from this event will help McKendree College raise funds to provide scholarship opportunities to qualified students and to continue to enhance the educational experience offered at the college.

The benefit performance is sponsored in part by Allen and Linda Cassens; Edward Jones; Magna Bank, N.A.; James V. Vest, M.D., P.C.; Illinois Power; Ameritech; Cannon Architects & Engineers; Christ Brothers Asphalt; Marriott Management Services; Marlene and Donald L. Metzger; Munie Outdoor Services; Phone Masters Ltd.; Schellenbrand and Schellenbrand Accounting; David and Susan Scribner; and Frank and Jane Spring.

Individual tickets for the event cost \$80. To make reservations or

for more information about sponsorships, call 537-6860.

The ARTS LEAGUE PLAYERS OF EDWARDSVILLE continue the 1997-98 season with a production of David Mamet's "Glengarry Glen Ross."

Performances will run Fridays and Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, at 8 p.m. in the Metcalf Theater on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"Glengarry" is an intense and timely drama about higher education in America today. A student comes to her professor's office to discuss her grade in his course, and events unfold rapidly, jaggedly, with terrifying consequences: Sexual harassment is charged, facades are shattered, dignity lost. "Glengarry" raises deeper questions than get raised in most classrooms, and leaves its audience buzzing with all its certainties challenged.

Tickets for the play are available at the door for \$6; students and seniors, \$4. Advance tickets at the same price are available at Stagger Inn again, 104 S. Vandallia, Edwardsville. If purchasing tickets at the door, advance reservations are recommended at 656-1181. The theater is wheelchair accessible; arrangements may be made by calling the reservation telephone number.

METRO EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL in Edwardsville will be performing their spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," at 3 p.m. today, Sunday, for the final performance, in the school gymnasium, 8305 Center Grove Road. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 5 to 12, \$1 for children under 5, and \$3 for senior citizens. Call 656-0043 for more information.

Conference to aid clergy in grief therapy

Dr. Randall Perry of Taylorville will be the featured speaker at a Together Everyone Achieves More clergy conference from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville.

Hosted by Irwin-Scott Chapel funeral home in Glen Carbon and Irwin Chapel in Granite City, ministers and care-givers from these cities and Edwardsville, Collinsville, Maryville, Madison and Troy will gather to hear Perry speak about

the dynamics of storytelling as a vital part of grief therapy.

Perry has addressed numerous school, civic and church assemblies, lectured in various classes, and led seminars on a variety of subjects. His doctoral work led to the publication of a series of articles in "Theologian" titled "Theology of Death," "Death in Christian Education," "Care of the Dying," "The Funeral," "Care of the Bereaved," and "Memories." Perry and his wife, Kandil, have three children.

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Redevelopment

Group builds homes, hope in East St. Louis

By Jason White
Staff writer

Driving through the weedy vacant lots, rutted roads and crumbling structures of East St. Louis' south end, you emerge suddenly into a neighborhood of new homes, tidy lawns and clean streets.

The development is the work of Community Development Consultants Inc., which has built more homes in three years than the East St. Louis area has seen in three decades.

The company's motto is "Building a New East St. Louis."

"I felt like if I could come into the area and do some development, it would spur people's interest in housing," CDC president and chief executive officer Don Johnson said. "There's a great deal of hope for redevelopment in the area."

CDC has built 53 houses since August 1996 in Alorton, Centerville and East St. Louis. The 1,100- to 1,800-square-foot, single-family houses range from \$75,000 to \$125,000 and come in numerous designs.

The company has about 20 full- and part-time employees, about half are from the East St. Louis area. Residents are also employed through CDC's subcontractors and a construction training program.

"I feel we're really approaching the true concept of the community by creating jobs and tax dollars that can rebuild the community," Johnson said.

CDC provides up to a \$30,000 subsidy for low-income families to qualify for a mortgage. A subsidized 30-year mortgage typically costs \$360 per month.

Some of the subsidized buyers were living in local public housing projects, Johnson said. "The traditional low-income housing is a box," Johnson said. "You don't feel like there's much pride in owning it, or even renting it."

"I feel it's an injustice to them—they deserve the opportunity to live among families that have done well, and they shouldn't be segregated in one area just because they're low-income," he said.

An equal number of middle-income families also buy CDC

houses.

"You really don't know from curbside what income the family has," Johnson said.

CDC reflects Johnson's interests in architecture, community development, neighborhood planning and construction management. Mike Brady, the architect dad on "The Brady Bunch," was Johnson's inspiration growing up.

"Mike Brady was kind of a mentor for me," Johnson said. "It wasn't any one great architect that inspired me—it was a TV show."

The show had particular impact because Johnson's family wasn't as tight-knit as the Bradys.

"To me, that looked like an ideal situation," he said. Johnson, 32, a Chicago-area native who now lives in Collinsville, came to East St. Louis in 1991 while doing graduate work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

As director of planning and design services for the university's East St. Louis Action Research Project from 1993-1995, Johnson designed and developed parks and playgrounds, helped launch the East St. Louis Farmer's Market and prepared proposals for low-income housing.

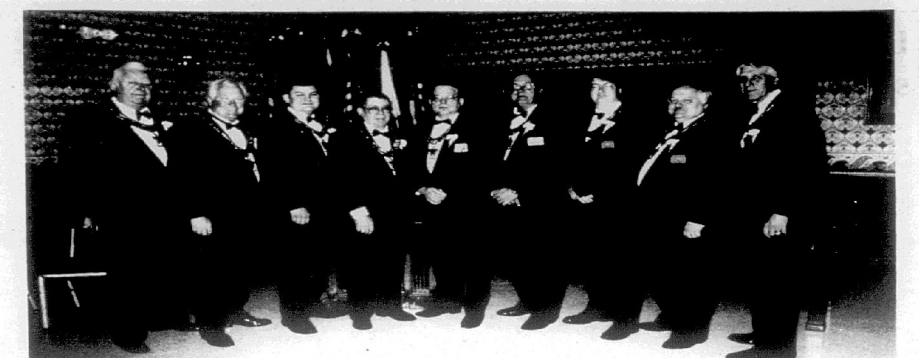
Although ESLARP is still funded by the university, funding cuts eliminated Johnson's position. He then formed CDC as a consulting firm in March 1996 with three employees and a shoestring budget.

"Potential funders said I was crazy," Johnson said.

After Johnson launched the company with credit cards and savings, Magna Bank provided a small business loan, and in August 1996, CDC contracted with the East St. Louis-based Community Development Block Grant Corp.'s HOME program to build eight homes for low-income families.

Although Johnson's initial approach focused on rehabilitating existing housing, he shifted the focus after seeing the demand for new housing.

"I was taken by the fact that they (residents) didn't care how many burned-out structures there were down the street—they still wanted new housing," he said.



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Recently installed officers of Elks Lodge 1063 are, from left, Bill Russell, Jim McKechnan, Chris Vangel, Jess Norman, Ken Shipp, Virgil Ware, Larry Hale, Rich Knowlton and Bob Doneff.

IN THE MILITARY

JOSHUA DANIEL BLUMER, son of Joyce Rogers of Granite City, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force delayed entry program.

Blumer, a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, will report for basic military training in June at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

ZACHARY MICHAEL HUFF, son of John and Karen Huff of Granite City, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force delayed entry program.

Huff, a 1994 graduate of Marquette Catholic High School, will report for basic military training in April at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

STEVEN D. SMITH, son of Edward and Margaret Smith of Mitchell, has joined the U.S. Army.

Smith, a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School, will take basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and advanced training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Marine Lance Cpl. ROBERT J. GREGORY, son of Roger L. and Judy K. Struder of Granite City, recently completed the small craft mechanic course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Gregory, a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School, joined the Marine Corps in January 1997.

Marine Lance Cpl. JASON G. CLARK, son of Jason Clark of Granite City, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which embarked on the ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

Clark joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

Marine Pfc. ADAM E. EBRECH, son of Karl W. Ebrech of Granite City, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Marine Corps Detachment at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center, Fort Lee, Va.

Ebrech is a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School.

Marine Pfc. NATHAN R. DICKERSON, son of Donald E. and JeAnn Dickerson of Granite City, recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator Course, Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Dickerson, a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School, joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

Marine Pfc. ASA M. LEGATE, son of Ronald C. Legate of Granite City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Legate is a 1995 graduate of Orchard Farm High School of St. Charles, Mo.

ANTONIO V. THOMAS, son of Betty Thomas of Madison and Willie Thomas of Venice, has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program.

Thomas, a student at Madison High School, will report for duty in July at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Do you have a military item for this column? The Press-Record-Journal particularly wants pictures of your loved ones in action where they are serving. If possible, do not send the only copy you have of a picture.

Send your photos and military news to: The Granite City Press-Record-Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Seniors' group meets

Eighty-five people attended the March 25 meeting of Seniors Unlimited of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. Warren Collins gave a devotion entitled "Judas," and also gave the blessing before the meal. Lunch, catered by Jerry's Cafeteria, featured fried chicken, roast beef, twice-baked potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli, mostaccioli, Jell-O with cream cheese on graham cracker crust, coffee and iced tea. Mildred Collins introduced the speaker, Lis Groothuis of Dallas, Texas who spoke about Medicare 1998.

Director Del Groothuis said the group is taking a trip on May 6 to the St. Louis Science Center. The Omnimax will be showing "The Greatest Places."

Cholesterol testing to be offered

Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons is sponsoring a cholesterol screening beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Caseyville Township Building, 10001 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights.

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NEWS

Library

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years ago to avoid being taken in by the Granite City Library District.

"We were on the verge of being annexed by the Granite City Library Board," Trustee Lou Whitsett said.

He said a major complaint was that village children would have to travel too far to use the library.

At the time, a referendum on the library was defeated by voters, so the village took over control of the library.

Trustee Bob Vincent said village officials objected to forcing residents to pay additional taxes to the Granite City District.

"It leaves a bad taste in my mouth to give Granite City Library District a chance to tax our residents without representation," Vincent said.

The Pontoon Beach library was originally funded through private donations and fundraising events, but the village has been increasingly responsible for the library's funding.

For the coming year, Whitsett said.

Bridge

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1990 to mark the 20th anniversary of Earth Day.

The walk has generated a lot of interest, partially because the bridge is part of the original Route 66, Lucas said.

"I've gotten a lot of calls from all over the country asking about this walk," he said.

Keach said Gateway Trailnet hopes to permanently open the bridge to the public at the end of September.

"We believe it will be the longest bicycle and pedestrian bridge in the world," Keach said of the one-mile span over the Mississippi. "It's almost twice as long as the current record holder in Walnut Street Bridge in Chattanooga, Tennessee."

Members of volunteer organizations will be able to purchase achievement stamps for \$1.50 during the March for Parks. Information about SMTM also will be available.

SMTM has sponsored walks as part of the National March for Parks program at various locations for about five years, Lucas said.

"We do a lot of fun stuff and we do a lot of service," Lucas said. "This is one of our more service oriented things."

Museum

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A Czechoslovakian-made version of a German Army half-track.

A UH-1 Huey used in the Vietnam War, one of the few remaining examples.

"It's a great time to revisit and relive World War II," he said.

Clarkin

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community such a short time that my recollections are limited. I despised at least three of the places. But in the case of the first small town I can remember calling home, I have clear recollections, for the most part, good ones.

I can still remember neighborhood kids and grade school classmates and teachers. Don Messner, Vola May Miller, Betty Lou Hess, Alan Stansbury.

Classmate Florence, she whose dark brown glistening long curls so aroused my envy (I was blond, Dutch-boy cut) that as she happily came waltzing back to her seat behind me, nose in air, I deliberately tripped her, causing her nose to bleed copiously and her tears to stream. And how good it felt until I realized I had acted in front of a room full of witnesses.

Winter sledding on the long hill, back of the Luppold house.

Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades with all my aunts and uncles and cousins by the dozen (not really dozens).

I rarely get back to that small Indiana town, which according to my current atlas now numbers about 1,800 residents, possibly about 300 more than back in the '20s. When I do, I find it remarkably unchanged in appearance. Same two-and-a-half block main street, same old courthouse with the Civil War cannon on the front lawn, same library. The old Wabash depot is gone and the creek that led to a small (but dangerous, we were told) falls is pretty well dried up. Both sets of grandparents' houses still stand and look pretty good, as does our own former house.

But there isn't a soul in town I ever knew. Or at least, I don't think so. Too bad they don't have an annual Pink Press.

GCHS class of 1988 looking for classmates

Grantie City High School class of 1988 reunion is looking for the following people for the ten year reunion. If you know how to contact them, please call 338-1646 or write Class of 1988, P.O. Box 1173, Granite City, 62040.

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Murphy leads team

Western Illinois University senior political science and communication major Don Murphy from Granite City helped lead WIU's six-member debate team to high honors at the recent National Education Debate Association's National Tournament, held in Kankakee.

Murphy teamed with Justin Knight, a sophomore political science major from Poloma, to place first in the national open division.

Murphy, recognized as an NEDA all-American, also earned the tournament's first place speaker award.

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NEWS

Borders opens in Fairview

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

With more than 200,000 books, music, video, and periodicals titles, Borders opened in Fairview Heights on Saturday.

Borders, 6601 N. Illinois St., occupies a portion of the former Central Hardware store. Jennifer Magdziak, community relations coordinator for Borders in Fairview Heights, said they have had a positive response from the community.

"We've had a good response," Magdziak said.

"Every community is different and we try to do events that will be tailored to the people there."

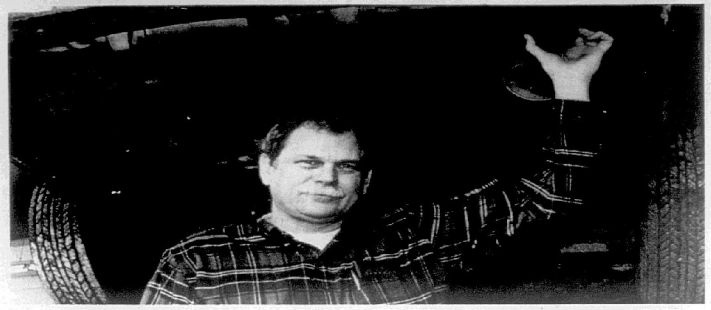
Consequently, Magdziak said local musicians and authors will be some of the featured guests in the coming months at Borders. The store's grand opening weekend is scheduled for May 1-3. Events planned include:

- ✓ May 1 — Acoustic guitarist Richard Johnson will perform from 8-10 p.m. in Borders cafe.
- ✓ May 2 — Local band

Bourbon and Waterloo will perform from 7-10 p.m. in the cafe. The band includes a mixture of acoustic guitar and folk music. At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Clifford the Dog, a character from the popular children's books, will read to the children at Borders. Harvey the Juggler will perform at 4 p.m., both inside and outside the store.

In addition, Magdziak said regular future events will include story times for children two times a week and a Sunday cinema, giving patrons a chance to view a movie at Borders.

Along with their books, music, and videos, Borders also includes Cafe Espresso. The cafe contains a variety of coffees, teas, and beverages from around the world, along with desserts and light lunch items. Borders operates more than 200 stores.



Staff photo by MARK HODAPP

Paul Stock, owner of Stock's Underhood Specialists Inc. in Belleville, has mixed emotions about the testing requirements.

Car inspection plan is being expanded

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Starting in 1999, car inspections will become mandatory for motorists in Belleville, Fairview Heights and O'Fallon and a number of other Metro East communities.

The inspections currently are required for about 150,000 motorists in 16 ZIP codes in the Metro East. Among them are Alton, Cahokia, East St. Louis, Granite City and Wood River.

Starting in January, 300,000 motorists in 32 ZIP codes are expected to face the inspections once every two years. Among them are Belleville, Caseyville, Collinsville, Columbia, Fairview Heights, Maryville, O'Fallon, Scott Air Force Base, Shiloh, Swansea and Troy.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Julie Nepeschian said motorists who live in ZIP codes 62025, 62026, 62034, 62035, 62208, 62220, 62221, 62222, 62233, 62235, 62236, 62237, 62238, 62239 and

62294 will be required to have emission tests on their automobiles after new testing stations in Belleville, Collinsville and Glen Carbon are built.

Robert Eck, owner of Eck Auto Service in Collinsville, said he believes the tests are needed, noting that most of the cars brought to his auto shop are either on a wrecker or in dire need of repair.

An automotive technician with 40 years experience, Eck said he believes one-third of the cars on the street today would fail the emission test.

"People don't care about how much pollution they put out," he said.

The state will inform motorists in writing when they must take the emission test.

Nepeschian said the tests are needed because the Metro East has been designated as having an ozone problem by the IEPA.

Paul Stock, owner of Stock's Underhood Specialists Inc. in Belleville, said he has mixed emotions about the testing requirements. On the one hand, the emission tests are needed because many people fail to give their cars regular tune ups, he said.

Stock said that can be partially blamed on auto service technicians who fail to educate the consumer about car tune ups.

"If the industry would have taken responsibility years ago, we wouldn't need the state to say it's time to clean up emissions," he said.

Stock said a recent study revealed that 70 percent of the consumers thought today's cars had the same engines as 20 years ago.

Stock also questions what will happen to cars that fail the emission test. As it stands now, the car owner will be required to correct the problem, Nepeschian said.

Stock also questions what will happen if a person tries to sell a car that fails an emission test.

"We still don't know the answer to this question," he said.

Missouri already requires all cars to pass an annual inspection. Illinois is looking to require motorists who live in towns with ozone problems to complete a four-minute car inspection.

Apprenticeship program open

The Employers and the Southern Illinois District Council of Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee, an Equal Opportunity Employer, announces that applications will be available for apprenticeship training in the carpentry trade, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex, through April 17.

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All applicants are requested to register at their area local Union Office during the above dates.

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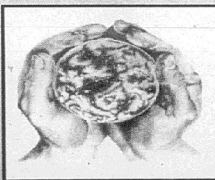
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On track with proper motivation



The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Relays were held recently in Clyde C. Jordan Stadium. A motivational session started the festivities on April 3, followed by a girls track meet April 4. Above, the Joe Willie Roberts All Stars, a basketball team from Venice, takes in the action. At right, Brandi Fowler, left, and Bernita Bolden, both of Cahokia, look over a program.



Photos by MIKE VIOLA

Mt. Vernon trip is slated for May 27

Reservations for the Granite City Park District's one-day trip to Mt. Vernon, scheduled for May 27, will go on sale Wednesday, April 22, at 8 a.m. in the Wilson Park Ice Rink. The cost of the trip is \$36 per person and includes lunch as well as all the other activities of the day.

The group will leave the ice rink at 8 a.m. and head south to Mt. Vernon for a 10 a.m. tour of the massive Walgreen's Distribution Center. This tour will begin with a video explaining the operation and will be followed by a guided walk of the state-of-the-art facility. The center boasts a sorting system that scans 5,000 items per hour, the latest automated picking machines and eight miles of conveyors. A 350,000-square-foot addition to the building is in progress and will possibly be completed by the day of the visit.

A buffet lunch at Mt. Vernon's Best Western Inn will follow. Next, the group will visit the District Appellate Court building, where Abraham Lincoln successfully argued a famous tax case. The structure, which features 1857 architecture, was also used as a hospital by Clara Barton. A tour guide will explain the history of the courthouse as well as how the appellate court system works.

Time will be allowed for shopping at the Jent Factory outlet Stores before heading home.

Residents of the Granite City Park District will have priority in registering but non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and notified of availability one week after the original sign-up date.

1968 reunion set

Granite City High School's Class of 1968 is looking for graduates for their 30th class reunion, scheduled for Aug. 29. A golf tournament will be held Aug. 28. For more information call 876-0419 or send your address to 2340 Gary, Granite City, 62040, or e-mail at llo-gan@stinet.com or ksmgri@hotmail.com.

Cellular 911 service may be in jeopardy

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Cellular and PCS telephone users in St. Clair County may not be able to dial 911 after May 31.

For approximately four years, the St. Clair County Emergency Telephone System Board, along with other public safety agencies and governments for legislation that would allow cellular/wireless telephone callers to continue to use 911.

Every year the cellular/wireless telephone companies have prevented this legislation from being adopted, St. Clair 911 Coordinator Norman Forshee said.

The Federal Communications Commission also ruled in 1990 that two different phases must be met by 911.

The first phase that is scheduled to be enforced this month, mandated a

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full 10-digit call back number; cell/sector location information; and support of TTY/TDD devices for the deaf.

The second phase, to be implemented in October 2001, requires providing location information within 125 meters at least 67 percent of the time.

St. Clair County's 911 system receives no tax money and operates solely on the 65 cents it receives from each telephone line.

Recent legal opinions indicate that the ETSB could be in violation of Emergency Telephone Act if it uses the surcharge money received from residents to subsidize cellular/wireless 911 telephone service.

Legal opinions also indicate that the ETSB, and those individuals who answer wireless 911 calls, would not

have the same protection from liability exposure that they currently enjoy when dealing with telephones, Forshee said.

This exposure could further endanger the future of the current 911, Forshee said.

The ETSB is in the process of installing new equipment which, among other things, will allow it to comply with standards adopted by the FCC for the answering of cellular/wireless 911 calls.

The ETSB also has asked those wireless telephone companies who provide service in St. Clair County to enter into contract. These contracts would provide a wireless surcharge for each wireless telephone billed within the county limits.

Three companies — Ameritech Mobile, Southwestern Bell Wireless and Sprint — have indicated that they will attempt to negotiate contracts, Forshee

It is the hope of the ETSB that all of the companies will decide to operate in good faith and negotiate a contract with the ETSB.

Norman Forshee
911 coordinator

said. Forshee said if contracts are not entered by the telephone companies, their customers will not be able to call 911 after midnight May 31.

"It is the hope of the ETSB that all of the companies will decide to operate in good faith and negotiate a contract with the ETSB," he said.

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Herrin was a victim of numbers game

I've never considered using the term "friend" in reference to Rich Herrin, the ousted men's basketball coach at SIUC Carbondale.

My respect for the man is way too high. He's always been "Coach" to me, and it's a shame the university where he worked for 13 years did not respect him more for being the man he is than getting caught up in the numbers game.

Come on, you know those numbers, average home attendance of around 3,000 in an arena that can hold 10,000; a 14-16 record last season and the possibility that financial contributions might continue to decline.

Ignore Herrin's 225 victories — second-best in SIUC history — and forget even consecutive postseason appearances during a stretch when his teams won an average of 22 games per season.

What got Herrin were under-500 marks the past three seasons — including 11-18 and 13-17 — and a preseason ultimatum by athletic director Jim Hart to win.

Only two coaches — Henry Iba and Eddie Hickey — have coached more Missouri Valley Conference victories than Herrin, but that means as much as the coach having more than 80 percent of his players graduate.

Sure, Herrin is 64 years of age and after 42 seasons of coaching — including 29 in the high school ranks — he might appear ready to retire, especially after health woes related to hip surgery.

Yet, consider the words of Chris Thunell of O'Fallon, the sophomore forward who gained MVC Newcomer of the Year honors:

"Everything I accomplished I really owe to him," said Thunell.

Of Hart's move last summer eliminating a rollover clause in Herrin's contract, Thunell said: "There was all that talk, and you kind of knew something was going on, but you try to put that past you and look to the season. Coach never made any attention of it. He never talked to us about it. But we knew because the papers wrote about it, you see on TV and hear on the radio. He never once said, 'We've gotta win this one.' He handled the speculation well, but it was still in the back of our minds."

Herrin has too much class to do otherwise, and for persons attending the press conference announcing his "resignation," his late arrival should be related to more than his being on crutches.

Coach has a passion for basketball and coaching that I've seen matched only by a few — in particular, Wayne Hergenrother, baseball and Don Coryell, in football.

When I first met Rich Herrin after he took the SIUC position, I discussed with him the 1999 Freshman High School Tournament, when he coached Okawville and I played at Belleville Cathedral.

Amazingly, Coach not only recalled highlights of that 1999 tournament but named our starting lineup.

Last season at the University of Evansville, we again spoke but on a more serious tone as I extended condolences related to the death of his brother Ron, who not only had been an outstanding athlete at McKendree College with Rich but had coached with him at SIUC.

Coach was touched by my gesture and expressed sincere appreciation.

No wonder why I respect Herrin, and am not alone.

Of the resignation, senior point guard Shane Hawkins said of his coach:

"He has been not only a

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Tigerettes prevail at Edwardsville

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Lightning and thunder won on Wednesday.

But on Thursday, despite rainy and cool conditions, East St. Louis Lincoln won the rescheduled Tiger Relays at Edwardsville High School. The Tigerettes accumulated 72 points to smoke the field of 14 girls teams.

Alton, Belleville West, Carlinville and Granite City were unable to return to Edwardsville on Thursday. But the relays continued without them.

"It's just a relief to finish the meet," said Edwardsville coach Warren "Babe" Stalhuth. "If we couldn't have completed it today (Thursday), we

Weather postponement shrinks field; Lady Warriors scoreless on first day

couldn't have finished it at all."

Some events were completed Wednesday before lightning struck, enabling Belleville West (eight points), Carlinville (four) and Alton (two) to put up a few points. However, the Lady Warriors failed to record a point.

Following Lincoln in the final point chase were Salem (55), Mount Vernon (42), Edwardsville (39), O'Fallon (36), Jerseyville (32), Highland (30), Belleville East (30), Cahokia (21), Belleville

West, Carlinville, Alton, Collinsville (1) and East St. Louis Senior (1).

The Tigerettes dominated team events, claiming first place honors in the sprint medley (1:51.8), the 4x100 (49.4), the 4x200 (1:48.8) and the 4x400 (4:18.5). They also won the 3x300 hurdles (2:28.7).

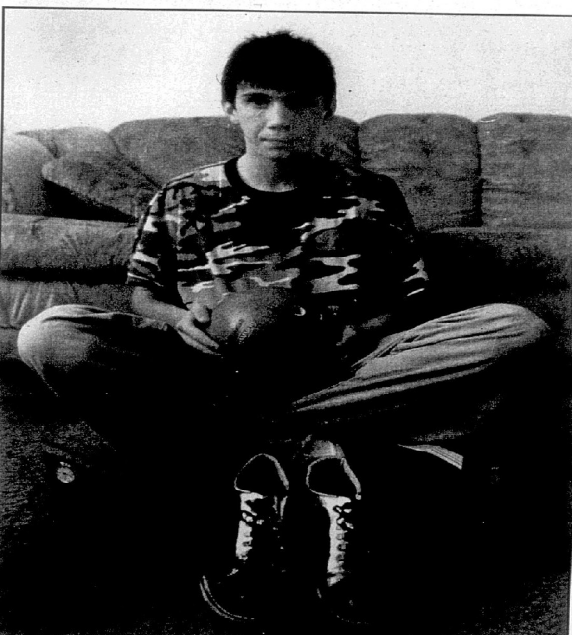
Edwardsville took the 4x800 title, covering the distance in a fine 10:05.7. O'Fallon won the distance medley in 10:06.9. The Panthers also took first in

four other events. Lakesha Gaston won the discus. Jaimie Tyler claimed high jump (5-foot-1) and long jump (156-1/4) honors. And Jenny Illig won the lone open track event, running the 3,200 meters in a time of 12:08.6.

Belleville West's Danielle Lawary won the shot put with a heave of 37-4/8.

The only other school to place first in a team event was Salem, which turned in a time of 1:10 in the 4x100 hurdles. Highland's Jene Klosterman topped triple jumpers with a distance of 33-9/16.

But the day belonged to Lincoln, which once more proved to be the cream of the crop in southern Illinois and among the elite track and field squads in the state.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Chase Rhoads, 15, has bowled six 300 games since Jan. 11 and carries an average of 190 to 195.

Rhoads on the road to bowling success

Grigsby Middle School student has rolled six 300 games in 1998

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Chase Rhoads is chasing a big-time dream.

The 15-year-old Grigsby Middle School student, who took up the sport of bowling just three years ago, has thrown seven 300 games, six of them since Jan. 11.

Since October, he has averaged one perfect game per month. Rhoads also has five 299 games, more than 200 games of 200 or better, and a 781 series, which he rang up without the aid of a 300 game. The tall, lanky youngster carries an average of between 190 and 195.

He remembers well his first perfect game, bowled Oct. 11 of last year.

"I was bowling by myself," he said. "It was on a bowl-ahead because I wasn't going to be there the night of league play. It was 1:30 in the morning. My best friend's girlfriend was sitting down five lanes away. My mom was playing pinball. I had my mom come down and watch me throw the last ball. I almost didn't shoot it. It hooked way too far left. But it managed to hit the pins in a pretty good spot and I got a strike. It was a real bummer, but it still knocked all the pins down and I had my first 300 game."



Only one of Rhoads' perfect games has come during league play. And that one came when he borrowed a friend's new ball.

"My friend had just bought this ball," Rhoads said. "I asked if I could use it and he let me. My first game with it, I bowled a 247. Next I threw a 300. Then he took the ball away from me. He said, 'You're not throwing it anymore' and took it away from me. I had really found a groove with that ball, but I had to go back and my own ball I shot a 193."

Not bad for a teenager who didn't even care for the sport just a couple of years ago.

"I didn't really like bowling until I started getting good at," he admitted.

Rhoads has won a Scholarship Tournament and a College Amateur Tournament, and sets his sight on three more tournaments this summer in Little Rock (Ark.), Memphis (Tenn.) and Nashville (Tenn.). He will also attend Dick Weber's bowling camp in St. Louis.

But the most significant move of all involves the hiring of a professional

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BAC adds local players to roster

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

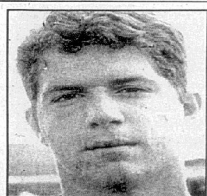
These are busy days for the soccer coaches at Belleville Area College.

It's recruiting season for both sports, and the BAC men's soccer team has signed former O'Fallon goalkeeper Don Sheehan, who is transferring after one season at Eastern Illinois University.

"He played a little bit at Eastern, but he wasn't the starting goalkeeper," Petri said. "I've known of him since he was a sophomore and he's made tremendous strides in his development. His potential and work ethic were why he was recruited to play at the (NCAA) Division I level."

Other players who have recently committed to BAC include Collinsville back Brian Adams, Granite City midfielder Dennis Holland, Westlin forward Ryan Calvert, Columbia goalkeeper Matt Clompf, Columbia back Nathan Trexler and Belleville East's Larry Scheller (who also will play basketball at BAC).

"Larry is a quality person



Granite City midfielder Dennis Holland is among the soccer recruits for Belleville Area College, and a quality soccer player," Petri said. "The things that jump out about him are his ability to score goals and that he's very dominant in the air. His leaping ability will be a big factor for him in college. It's been a while since we had a big-name player like him."

"There are still a couple spots open, but I don't know how fast they'll fill up," said Petri, whose team was 8-13-1 in 1997. "We didn't set the world on fire last year, and I wasn't happy with all of our kids and their attitudes. I want to find good kids, athletic kids and good soccer players. I want kids who are committed to winning."

"We did a pretty good job defensively last year, but we struggled offensively. That's something that has to be rectified."

Return to a bowling alley conjures memories of youth

Skippy never had a lot going for him.

This is the guy who, while in grade school, came home after a hard day of coloring and recess, grabbed a spoon from a kitchen drawer, opened the door of the refrigerator, removed a bowl of cold gravy, plopped down at the dining room table and ate the bowl clean, thinking the gravy was tapioca pudding.

Either Skippy had some seriously unbalanced tastes buds or his mother's cooking skills left a great deal to be desired. Possibly both.

That also explains why I turned down every invitation Skippy ever offered me to come over to his house for supper. Years of refusals nearly ran my normally roomy excuse bin dry. I was down to "I can't; I have to help a friend tie up a pile of sand with a rope" when he finally stopped asking.

Amazingly, the cold gravy snafu was not the exception but the rule in Skippy's growing up years and actually represented one of his better days.

In today's parlance, Skippy would be called a nerd. But we tolerated him, were even friendly with him. Mostly because his dad ran the bowling alley in town. If you were in with Skippy, you could bowl free.



Pat Heston

Well, not completely free.

This was back in the days before automatic pin setters came back in the days when gravy still tasted like tapioca pudding, and if you set pins for Skippy while he bowled, he'd set pins for you while you bowled. A pretty convenient arrangement.

Many a Saturday I traipsed to the alley with Skippy — being careful not to be seen by any school chums — and took my turn bowling. We had the whole alley to ourselves.

I had a similar experience years later when I arranged a church bowling party at a now-defunct bowling alley in St. Elmo. We had nine people going and I asked for two lanes, thinking that would meet our needs.

You can have the whole bowling alley," the lady told me over the phone.

"You don't understand," I said. "We only have nine bowlers."

"You don't understand," she replied. "We only have three lanes."

We took the whole alley. That's the way it was with Skippy and me. We had the whole alley to ourselves and bowled to our heart's content. Or until I grew tired of Skippy. Or until he invited me over for lunch.

There were only two problems with the arrangement. One was that Skippy would regularly start a second game before I could climb out from behind the pins. He would say, "Oops, well, I guess I better go ahead and finish this game." And he would, leaving me to do double duty pin-setting.

The other was that Skippy was a good bowler — good enough to carry nearly a 200 average — and I was a lousy bowler.

It wasn't long before I didn't like bowling any more. I bowled a couple of months ago at a party hosted by my wife's folks. I shot in the mid-80s. I shoot higher than that during a good round of golf. It was humiliating.

To make matters worse, I spent two days this past week

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SPORTS

ALL-JOURNAL GIRLS BASKETBALL (CLASS A)

Louden stepped up for Wesclin

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

Wesclin High girls basketball coach Andy Lobb expected Darci Louden to be a leader for his team this past season, and he wasn't disappointed.

Louden, a 5-9 junior, is the Journal Newspaper of Southern Illinois Player of the Year in Class A girls basketball. A three-year starter, she averaged 20 points per game for a Warriors squad that had no seniors.

"She started for me as a freshman and was probably one of the smartest players on the floor," Lobb said. "You don't get too many freshmen who can step in and contribute right away, but she's brought her scoring average up from 10 to 15 to 20 points a game."

"My main concern this year was that since Lindsay Brefeld now playing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis," Lobb said, "a lot of people would key on Darci. But she had a season high of 35 points against Mater Dei and there were only one or two games where she didn't reach double digits."

"She stepped up as a leader and a captain. As a coach, you think she can handle it, but you don't know until you get in game situations. When she missed a couple games due to illness late in the season, you could see how much she meant to the team. Without her, we

"I knew I had to step it up a notch this year and I was pleased with how well things came out. We were all friends and we didn't let things off the court affect us on the court. I love getting people pumped up and talking to them. I've always been vocal."

Darci Louden
Wesclin junior

didn't know what to do."

Wesclin (9-14) had three juniors and nine freshmen and sophomores on a 12-player roster.

"A lot of teams used box-and-ones and other defenses designed to stop Darci, but we had players designed to get her open looks," Lobb said. "We never had a dominating girl inside. It seems like we always have a small center — so we had to rely on our guards and fundamental stuff."

"But Darci is one of the best shooters I've ever seen. She shot 79 percent from the free-throw line and she had 44 points. Her court sense is almost like having another coach on the floor."

"She's been around the game all her life and she knows how it's supposed to be played. I don't think she knows

what pressure is."

A three-sport athlete, Louden is a standout pitcher on Wesclin's softball team and is also one of the Warriors' best volleyball players.

"I don't let (pressure) bother me. I just focus on what needs to be done," she said. "I got finally got used to it because I play so many sports."

"I knew I had to step it up a notch this year and I was pleased with how well things came out. We were all friends and we didn't let things off the court affect us on the court. I love getting people pumped up and talking to them. I've always been vocal."

"I worked all summer on my game and this summer I'll step it up even more. I plan on going to more camps and working in the weight room. Improving my defense is my main goal. I want to have

quicker feet."

Louden missed the start of the softball season after spraining her ankle in Wesclin's last basketball game, a loss to Carlyle in the regional semifinals.

"I'm still not fully recovered, but I'm getting there," she said. "I haven't batted yet and I'm just starting to get back (to form) in pitching. The only problem now is running."

Darci's parents, Dorothea and Tom Louden, are former softball coaches at Wesclin.

"I would always go to the games when they were coaching," she said. "When my mom played, my grandma and grandpa would bring me to watch her. All my life, I've been around sports."

"After every game, my dad will pinpoint what I did wrong and how I can improve. If I have a bad game, my mom is always there for support."

Louden isn't sure if she will play basketball or softball — or both — in college.

"I figure I have a year to decide," she said. "I'm leaving my options open."

"I want to teach and coach. I've helped with the Little Dribblers (junior basketball program) since my freshman year. I played with them from kindergarten through eighth grade. Lindsay (Brefeld) and I did that together. We always coach against each other."



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Wesclin junior Darci Louden averaged 20 points per game to lead the Warriors. She was chosen Player of the Year by coaches of Class A girls basketball coaches in the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois distribution area.

Freeburg duo among players on first team

Joining Wesclin's Darci Louden on the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois Class A girls basketball team are:

Kim DeMage, Red Bud: She averaged 19.8 points per game placing her sixth among Metro East players in helping the Musketeers to an 11-16 ledger.

The 5-foot-9 senior also recorded 3.2 steals and 9.2 rebounds a contest.

DeMage, who played inside and outside, shot 60 percent from 2-point range.

"I couldn't have asked any more from her," said Red Bud coach Frank Karwoski. "I thought this was her best year overall, even though we didn't have as strong of a team. The girls all realized she was the one we had to get the ball to. We tried to get her in positions where teams couldn't double down on her."

DeMage was a three-year varsity starter and finished her career with more than 1,100 points.

She is heading to Eastern Illinois University next year on a volleyball scholarship.

Carla Sweet, Gibault: The 5-9 senior was a critical member of Gibault's 16-8 squad.

She helped spearhead the Hawks defense, which allowed approximately 39 points per game, by averaging 2.9 steals a contest.

Sweet also scored better than 10 points per game.

"Basically, Carla had an excellent career for me," said Gibault coach John Holtschlag.

"It was nice to know Carla was coming to Gibault in the fifth grade. She had been coming to all my camps. You could tell then should would be an excellent player and a quality high school player."

"Most of the time, she was the quarterback of our team. She has done a number of great things as far as basketball."

ball is concerned."

Nicole Bohnenstiehl, Lebanon: The 5-8 Bohnenstiehl is best known as a softball pitcher who has led the Greyhounds to two state tournament appearances, including a second-place finish last year in IHSA Class A.

But she has also been top player for Lebanon's basketball team the past two seasons, averaging 17.8 points, 11.7 rebounds and five assists as a senior.

"She's a natural athlete," said coach Lisa Willmann. "Last year was ironic because she didn't think she could shoot from the outside, and I had to try to tell her she could."

"The biggest problem is that she's our best shooter and other teams know it, so she's always getting a double-team, box-and-one or some kind of help defense. It doesn't show in her stats, but she improved her shooting and she's good at taking charge. She's definitely a leader."

Bohnenstiehl will attend Southern Mississippi University on a softball scholarship.

Allison Randle, Freeburg: A 5-6 junior and a three-year varsity veteran, Randle averaged 16 points a game for the Madgets, who won the girls regional championship in school history. She also led the team in scoring as a sophomore.

"She averaged 18 points a game last year, but we had a lot more people who scored this year," said Freeburg coach Lori Crunk. "She also led us in steals and assists. She was one of our captains, along with Julia Bayers."

"She's a positive role model — she other kids look up to her. She has a 5.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale). She learned how to play better defense and she shot a lot bet-



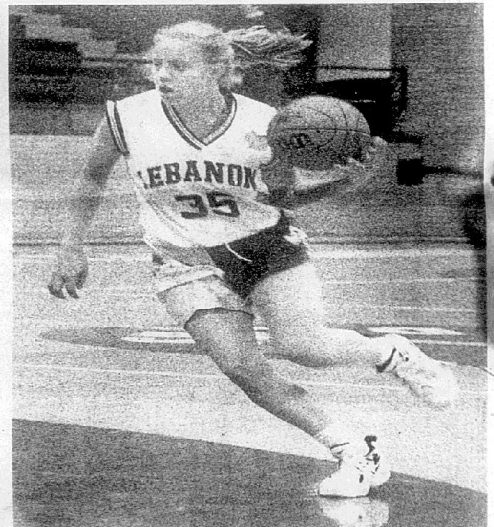
Freeburg's Lindsay Bruno (32, left) and Lebanon's Nicole Bohnenstiehl (right) were key players for their teams this winter. Bruno scored 10 points per game for the successful Madgets; Bohnenstiehl scored 17.8 points per game.

ter this year. She also improved as far as being vocal on the floor. She was a lot more aggressive and she's very quick."

Lindsay Bruno, Freeburg: A 5-10 sophomore, Bruno averaged 10 points a game and was

one of the Madgets' top players in the postseason.

"I'm real excited about her potential," Crunk said of Bruno, who had a season-high 29 points against Wood River. "She has a beautiful shot off the drive and she has a great



(Photos by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

jumper. She's very quick."

"She's a good rebounder and she hits the offensive boards a lot. I was afraid it would be kind of hard for her as a sophomore to step up, but I talked to her before the season and she said 'Coach, I'm ready to go.'"

Second team

Amy Streuter, Metro East Lutheran
Jill Buckman, Freeburg
Elyse Mohme, Gibault
Kelly Enin, Columbia
Erica Ragsdale, Dupu
Kendra Boyd, Madison

Warriors Booster Club plans inaugural 5-kilometer run

The first annual G.C. Warriors Booster Club 5-K Run is scheduled for Horseshoe Lake State Park on May 3 with a 9 a.m. starting time.

An entry fee of \$10, and entry form, must be mailed to GC Warriors Booster Club, c/o Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. Entry fee must be received by April 27.

A \$12 fee will be charged for injuries on the day of the race. The first 500 entries will receive a 5K Run T-Shirt (shirts can only be picked up before the run with your assigned race number.) Prizes will be awarded in age categories for both men and women, including "14 and under" and "70 and over," in 10-year increments.

Hunting proposal

A change has been proposed that will effect the dove hunting program at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Madison County and the Mississippi River Area in Jersey and Calhoun counties. This proposal, enacted,

will require the use of non-toxic shot — size 6 steel or 7 1/2 bismuth or smaller — for all dove hunting on these sites.

This change is required because of the large number of shells fired at these sites and the high volume of lead being deposited in the fields. Switching to non-toxic shot will reduce the possibility of lead poisoning in many bird species due to accidental ingestion of lead shot while feeding.

For additional information, please call Horseshoe Lake State Park at 618-931-8901 or the Mississippi River Area at 618-376-3303.

Play Day

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 41st annual Play Day on June 1 at Legacy Golf Course. Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Events include golf (scramble), a cookout (steaks and chicken) and plenty of prizes. Fees are as follows: Cookout & Golf, \$70; Golf only, \$50; Cookout only, \$25. There will be a shot gun start at 11 a.m. Please call the chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by May 18. Payment is due by May 25.

Softball tournaments

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a preseason softball tournament for men's, women's and coed teams, April 27-May 1.

The tournament will be double-elimination for an entry fee of \$90. Only teams in the Park District program will be able to participate with the exception that two players not on the team's roster but listed on other teams' rosters can be added. The deadline for the tournament will be April 23. The drawing will be April 24 at the Wilson Park Office.

For information, call Ray Hoffman

at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Hockey tryouts

Tryouts for a Prairie State Games banlam ice hockey team are set for April 25 (5:45 p.m.) and April 26 (3:15 p.m.) at East Alton Ice Arena.

The cost is \$30. Players must be born after June 31, 1982; be residents of Madison County; and be registered through USA Hockey Insurance.

For information, call John Pritchard (451-1479), Tony Vesel (288-7535) and Bob Wondolowski (667-7738).

Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club. Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be

awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights, according to tournament general chairman John Ostanik.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call Ostanik at 345-9565. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Lutheran Day

The 22nd annual Lutheran Day at Busch Stadium will be May 25 (Memorial Day).

The Cardinals will play 1:15 p.m. against the Colorado Rockies, followed by exhibition games involving the four local Lutheran high schools, including Metro East Lutheran.

Tickets are \$11, and schools receive some of the proceeds for tickets they sell. Each school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Sigmund Bohnet at 656-0043.

Rhoads

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bowling coach to work with him over the next 10 years. "My ultimate goal is to be a professional bowler," said Rhoads. "I still have another 10 years left as a youth. A professional coach will help me get ready to reach my goal. I've always had a dream, ever since I was a little kid. It used to be a dream about being a basketball player, but now it's a dream about bowling. I want to walk into a public place and have everybody turn around and say, 'Look, it's Chase Rhoads, professional bowler.' I'd like to be famous like that."

With his talent and determination, Rhoads seems destined to reach that point in his life at a relatively young age.

But first, there are his school days to be lived. And with bowling making its entry as a sport at the high school level, Rhoads may soon establish himself as the premier high school bowler in the Metro East.

Rhoads owns 15 bowling balls, the most expensive of which cost \$300. His bowling shoes cost \$200 and have replaceable

'My most difficult challenge in bowling is concentration. I must learn to stay focused. It's especially hard after throwing a 300 game. My best game after throwing a 300 game is a 172.'

Chance Rhoads

soles. Those soles, which cost \$36, must be replaced after about six months. In addition, depending on the lane conditions, Rhoads may change soles like a football player may change his footwear due to field conditions.

"It's an expensive sport if you're going to do it right," said Rhoads. "But we're determined to do it right."

That is clearly seen in Rhoads' work ethic, which finds him on the lanes three hours a day during school days, five hours a day during weekends and summers.

Rhoads knows that aspects of his game — especially mental aspects — must change if he is to realize his dream of bowling professionally.

"My most difficult challenge in bowling is concentration. I must learn to stay focused," he said. "It's especially hard after throwing a 300 game. My best game after throwing a 300 game is a 172. And it's all a mental thing. I have to learn how to stay mentally 'up,' how to stay focused the whole time. Plus, I have to learn to control my temper better than I do when I'm not having a good game or when I'm unhappy with a certain throw."

But it is the love of competition and the love of the sport itself that keeps driving Rhoads to improve, to become the best he can possibly be.

That drive may ultimately take him to his dream. That, of course, will be a thrill. Not only for him, but for those who can say they "knew him when."



Nice season

The Sts. Peter & Paul sixth-grade girls basketball team had a 20-3 season and won first-place honors in its conference. The team also was first in the Seaton Catholic Tournament (March 7 at Caseyville) and the St. John Neuman tournament (March 15 in Maryville). Pictured above is coach John Schartzkopf and players Marissa Corvallis (23), Stephanie Wilfong (back right), Jessica Schwarzkopf (21, back left), Krista Swip (front left), Vanessa Ramierez (middle left), Susan Noeth (front right), Meghan DesPain (13, back) and Christine Molinar (middle right). Not pictured: coach Kevin Cook.

Heston

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with some really good bowlers. Most of them were nearly twice my age. One of them was about one-fourth my age. All of them carried averages that were higher than my best game. That, too, was humiliating.

It brought back a flood of memories about Skippy. And it didn't take long to make the

Voellinger

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coach for me, but a very high-ranked role model."

The advertised asking price for a new coach

journey from Skippy to all-out depression. And when I get depressed, I eat.

Thankfully, I was at a bowling alley, where you can always find something to eat.

Utterly depressed, I did the only thing I knew to do. I found my way to the counter, sat on a tall bar stool and, when the waitress came over, I asked her if she could forage about the fridge and come up with a bowl of cold gravy.

Klein, Pitman among players headed to Belleville Area College

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Six local players are among eight new recruits for the Belleville Area College volleyball team.

Last week, coach Todd Guber announced the signing of Shanan McLean (Belleville West), Michelle Allen (Althoff), Amy Klein (Collinsville), Stephanie Ribbing (Breese Central), Angie Durham (Mascoutah) and Kim Pitman (Metro East Lutheran).

"Shanan McLean is only 5-5, but she was first-team all-area and all-(Southwestern) conference at Belleville West," said Guber, who guided BAC to a 40-9 record and a No. 13 national ranking in 1997, his second season with the Dutchwomen. "It looks like she's

going to be an immediate impact player. We'll be a bigger team than usual this year and Shanan is the one exception, but she'll be one of our most explosive players."

"Michelle Allen had a really good high school career (as a setter) and has played a lot of club ball at an elite level. I feel she can immediately step in and run our offense."

"Amy Klein was a first-team all-area middle hitter in high school, but she'll probably play the outside for us. She's an explosive leaper and she just crushes the ball. She has the potential to be a big-time player after she leaves BAC."

Guber has equally high hopes for his other local recruits.

"Stephanie Ribbing is a 5-10 right-side hitter and an incredible server," he said. "Every serve has a wow factor. She's a hard-working, talented, ath-

letic kid. I look forward to seeing how she develops."

"Angie Durham was a 6-1 middle hitter in high school and I'm looking at her to play the middle or the right side for us. She started to play volleyball kind of late and hasn't had the skill development some of our other players have had. But she's a hard worker, and with training, she could develop into something special. Size is something you can't teach."

"Kim Pitman is a 6-1 middle hitter. She needs to improve her quickness, but she's a strong kid and she's very coachable. She was a dominant player on her high school team, but the first time I saw her was in the summer league at BAC."

Guber also signed two out-of-district recruits: Jerrian Kline, a Farina resident from Southeastern High School, and Katie Talley from Carmi.

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Cochran accepts offer from South Alabama

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Melvin Cochran's unselfish play on the basketball court the past three seasons was rewarded on Wednesday when he signed a letter of intent to play Division I basketball at South Alabama.

Cochran, who was a defensive star at Collinsville High his junior and senior seasons, had two solid seasons at Belleville Area College. He will transfer to South Alabama (Mobile, Ala.) as a junior with two years of college eligibility remaining.

This past season, Cochran played everywhere on the court for the Dutchmen except center. All the jockeying from position to position did not upset his stellar defense. He also averaged 12 points, 4½ rebounds and 2½ assists per game.

Cochran is hoping to settle into the position of point guard at South Alabama and believes his days of moving all over the court are done.

"Playing just this one position, I'll be able to understand

BASKETBALL

my role more and concentrate on what I have to do. It will make me a better player at that position," Cochran said. "Playing the 1 (point guard) or the 2 (off guard), I am comfortable playing both. It will also depend on what type of point guard they need."

The type of point guard the Jaguars will get in Cochran is a 6-foot-5 unselfish player who can play exceptional defense.

Cochran's claim to fame on the defensive end of the court came during his senior year, in the semifinals of the Collinsville High/Schnucks Holiday Classic. Cochran limited A.J. Guyton, the Peoria Central point guard, to zero first-half points and an overall awful shooting performance. These days, Guyton is the starting point guard for Bob Knight's Indiana Hoosiers.

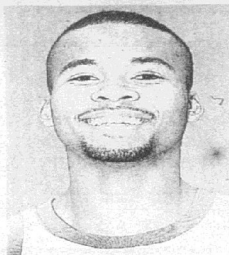
"They said they would like me to play defense and score some," Cochran said. "I'm not sure what their intentions are. I'm pretty sure I'll be able to shoot. This year they are going to run and if the shot is open, then take it; but if not we will

run a motion offense. In a motion offense anybody can score. My confidence is up in my shooting. I shot good this year. They have my stats so they know I can shoot."

South Alabama coach Bob Weltlich said Cochran fits perfectly into the Jaguars game plans. Weltlich likes taller point guards and he believes that was one of the key reasons the Jaguars earned a spot in the NCAA postseason basketball tournament.

"First and foremost, he is really a good person and that is what we recruit first and foremost," Weltlich said. "Secondly, he is a guy that I think has exemplified what has enabled us to be successful in that he has been willing to do whatever his team and his coaches have asked him to do. I think that in itself is a great trait. It shows a lot of character and commitment on his part. I just like his game. I like the fact that he is athletic. I like the fact that he can shoot the ball. I like his size."

"There aren't many big point guards in our league (Sun Belt Conference). That's



Collinsville graduate Melvin Cochran spent two years at Belleville Area College and next is headed for South Alabama.

why we were successful this last year. Our point guard was 6-4 and our off-guard was 6-4. I looked at our conference championship game — our 6-4 off-guard shoots over a smaller guard and gets the go-ahead basket. Our point guard blocks a shot over a smaller guard to secure the win. I watch Cochran and he knows how to play. He has got great court awareness. I would never hesitate to play him as a No. 2 if the opportunity presented itself. My intentions are he is going to quarterback our basketball team."

Local TV show will feature Tri-City

Special to the Journal

Tri-City Speedway in Granite City will be the featured family attraction when "Show Me St. Louis" comes out to film on Tuesday.

The feature will center around the drivers who compete in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series on Saturday nights.

The public is invited to visit Tri-City Speedway on

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Tuesday at 4 p.m., when the production crew from KSDK-TV will film the feature segment. Admission is free and the event promises to be an entertaining experience as those in attendance are able to watch how the popular television show is put together.

The Tri-City Speedway feature will air on Wednesday.

NSCA comes to Gateway

Special to the Journal

The National Street Car Association will kick off its inaugural season at Gateway International Raceway on April 25-26 with the first annual "Gateway Showdown."

The NSCA, based in Columbus, Ohio, was created when Peterson Publishing Company and Hot Rod magazine took sole possession of the National Muscle Car Association and changed the NMCA's original format from eighth-mile to quarter-mile racing.

NSCA plans a six-event schedule with 14 different categories of racing, headed by the 195-mph Pro Street cars, Outlaw Streets, Nostalgia classes, ET, EFT Eliminator and Super Pro and Pro competition. The organization plans a six-event schedule in 1998, and will expand to eight venues in 1999.

A Pro Modified exhibition and passes by the Emergency West wheelstander are on tap during the weekend. In addition to the racing competition, a Manufacturer's Midway, Car Show and Racers Swap Meet are planned.

Among the name drivers expected for the NSCA event are Pro Street drivers Ricky Carlos and Leo Barnaby, and Outlaw Street stars Rod Saboury and Ross Conline.

The Pro Mod exhibition field will be led by Charlie Carpenter's Bullet '55.

Gates open both days at 9 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 per day with a \$35 two-day pass available. Children 12 and under are free with a paid adult admission.

In addition to the NSCA races, Gateway will hold its Saturday night Sears Craftsman E.T. Bracket Series event on Saturday night.

Huckleberry has strong showings for SIUE track

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Several former area high school standouts are making names for themselves on respective college campuses this spring.

At Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, former Granite City High School trackster Kelly Huckleberry has had a string of strong showings for the Cougars' track and field team.

In the recently completed Cougar Classic, won going away by the host squad, Huckleberry, a freshman, finished third in the 110-meter hurdles, third in the 400-meter hurdles

COLLEGE SPORTS

and third in the javelin. Interestingly, it was the first time Huckleberry had ever thrown a javelin in competition.

The public's last chance to see Huckleberry and SIUE in competition at home will be this Saturday when the SIUE Twilight Meet kicks off at 3 p.m.

In Cougars softball, Dupo High School graduate Mandy Uhrhan has been on a red-hot tear.

Uhrhan, a freshman, batted .500 in a recent six-game stretch, belting a trio of home runs and driving in nine runs.

For the year, Uhrhan is hitting a sparkling .356, with 32 RBIs, nine doubles and three homers while playing every game for Cougars at shortstop.

"Mandy is having a great year for us," said Cougars coach Sandy Montgomery.

The University of Evansville (Ind.) Purple Aces announced their 1998 men's soccer schedule, which includes seven games against NCAA tournament teams, including the home opener against Indiana University.

The Purple Aces, who will attempt to reach the NCAA tournament for the 12th time

in the past 16 years, are led offensively by Granite City High School graduate Corey Kessler. Kessler was the co-scoring leader for Evansville last season.

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BHS celebrates reunion with 75 former addicts

On April 1, the Behavioral Health System (BHS) of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, celebrated addiction recovery with 75 alumni of its chemical dependency treatment programs.

Patty Morrow, BHS outpatient program supervisor and coordinator of the reunion, knows that sufferers of addiction need health care. "During our Reunion of Recovery event, we found our average time in recovery is eight years, which is comparable to recovery rates reported by Alcoholics Anonymous," she said.

One young man, recovering for five years from alcohol and drug addiction, summed up his experience.

"When I come to share my story with other people who struggle with this illness, it helps me to stay sober. Recovery is a gift that you can keep only if you give it away to others."

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Former addict

Morrow said that BHS supports the recovering community with 11 different 12-step meetings at the medical center, including Ala-non and Ala-teen.

She added, "We are a viable provider of chemical dependency services in the Metro-East area."

"We continue to develop relationships with local industry to provide quality chemical dependency treatment for employees."

"Our success in working

together with employers has been proven to be very beneficial for the treatment intervention."

The alumni group recently presented an \$800 check for recovery literature for patients in the chemical dependency treatment program.

The Behavioral Health System at St. Elizabeth Medical Center operates a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week phone line, 798-3888, which lends immediate assistance and referral information for its programs. For more information on BHS chemical dependency treatment programs and other behavioral health concerns, call Resource Center at 798-3888.



Initiated

Recently initiated into Eagles Auxiliary 1126 were, top row from left, Dorothy Valerius, Evelyn Richardson, Alice Baker, Auxiliary President Mildred Boyd and Geneva Duncan. In front row from left are Mary Yevin, Violet Holder and Alice Dombroski.

ORGANIZATIONS

Butterfly Card Club

On March 26, members of the Butterfly Card Club met for lunch at the Inn after which the group gathered at the home of Harriet Hoff. Dessert was served from a table decorated in the Easter motif and fresh flowers. A miniature flower made of wood was at each place setting. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing pinocle and prizes awarded.

Also in attendance was Mary Lou Claussen, Catherine Hommert, Lorraine McIlvay, Juanita Rosenberg, Edith Ryan, Nell Tally, and Irene

Willis. Claussen will host the April meeting at the Barn Deli in St. Louis.

Beta Sigma Phi

The Illinois Omicron Master chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in the home of Imogene Forrest on Wednesday, March 4. Following a short business meeting, conducted by President Evelyn Tolliver, the group traveled to Powell Hall in St. Louis, to attend a performance by the Irish band, The Chieftains. Joyce Alexander, Beatrice Brackett, Arlene Haldeman, Lora Mae Lombardi, and Pat Tsigoliaroff, as well as those mentioned attended.

The March 18 meeting was held in the home of Arlene Haldeman with five members present: Evelyn Tolliver, Joyce Alexander, Imogene Forrest, Pat Tsigoliaroff and the hostess. The business meeting was conducted by Evelyn Tolliver. Fifty dollars were forwarded to the River Bluffs Girl Scout Council to assist in their fund-raising campaign. Officers elected for the 1998-99 sorority year were Imogene Forrest, president; Joyce Alexander, vice president; Evelyn Tolliver, recording secretary; Beatrice Brackett, corresponding secretary; Pat Tsigoliaroff, treasurer; and Arlene Haldeman, extension officer. The program, "On the Loose" by Shirley Singley, from the publication "Angels on Earth" was presented by Joyce Alexander.

AMVETS Auxiliary

AMVETS Auxiliary 51 recently met, with President Mary Miller presiding. Acting chaplain Jackie Rainwater read the opening prayer, and acting sergeant-at-arms Betty Clements led the pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Shirley Schiengschang read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer Carol Jarrett gave the complete success. The Auxiliary was able to donate \$108.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Before St. Patrick's Day, shamrock was sold in the barroom. Many members purchased these, and the Auxiliary was happy to present \$75 to the Anita Flynn Memorial. This memorial fund is to assist Junior AMVETS.

Hospital chairperson Mary Miller reported on the trip to J.B. Hospital for "Because We Care." AMVETS and Auxiliary members served sandwiches, cake with fruit, and drinks to the patients. Bingo was played, with cash prizes being awarded. The AMVETS and Auxiliary also presented the center with new bingo cards.

Child welfare chairperson Jackie Rainwater collected the baby God jars filled with dimes. The John Tracy Clinic will be receiving a donation as soon as they are all in and counted.

Betty Clements won the 50-50 drawing. The meeting was closed with prayer. Hostess Betty Wilkins served refreshments following the meeting.

Motorcycle courses slated

Free motorcycle courses will be offered at Belleville Area College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville beginning April 24.

Both courses are from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Motorcycles, helmets and insurance are provided free. Students enrolling must be 16 years of age. Students also must be Illinois residents and possess a valid drivers license or permit.

Sixteen- and 17-year-olds can use this course to obtain a Class M license. For those people 18 and older, this course will waive the Driver Services Facility's riding test for obtaining a motorcycle license.

For registration or further information on the Motorcycle Rider Program, call Southern Illinois University at Carbondale toll free at 1-800-642-9589.

Salon has anniversary

The St. Clair Salon 148 held its anniversary party at Belleville Post 88, Freedom Farm Saturday, March 7.

There were 14 partners present. Two guests from the Madison Salon were present: Dottie Hinson and Norma Himmer. There were four husbands present.

The Salon's New Partner, Marjorie Lezy was present. Chairmen were Agnes Hartman and Mary Lamoreaux.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). An extra dose of determination makes all of the difference. Work on being more sensitive to your family's needs. You shine in social situations. Taurus and Leo are romantic hopefuls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Overexcited energy may jinx a financial deal, so be cool. Lovers make spontaneous choices — be flexible, and life opens impossible doors. Proposals are generous.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Give yourself a few pat on the back for effort and patience. Consider a change of employment. A thoughtful gesture makes your day delightful. Include loved ones in your thoughts about the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Try to overlook contradictory information from higher-ups, and see into the heart of the matter. Research is important to a current project. Cultivate new relationships as a gift to yourself.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be loyal, and learn the meaning of true partnership. Stop trying to do too many things at once — decide on priorities, and proceed at a more reasonable pace. Lovers have no complaints.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Past achievements lead to future direction — but what is it that you did? Write it down to get things straight in your mind. The stars are right for conquering dependency.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A Virgo could be very much on your mind. Open communication with a lender might get you an extension period. You are a winner and can motivate others when morale is low.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Financial issues face disapproval — stand up for your methods. Image comes into play. Shop for stylish extras. Someone you meet could turn into a steady date.

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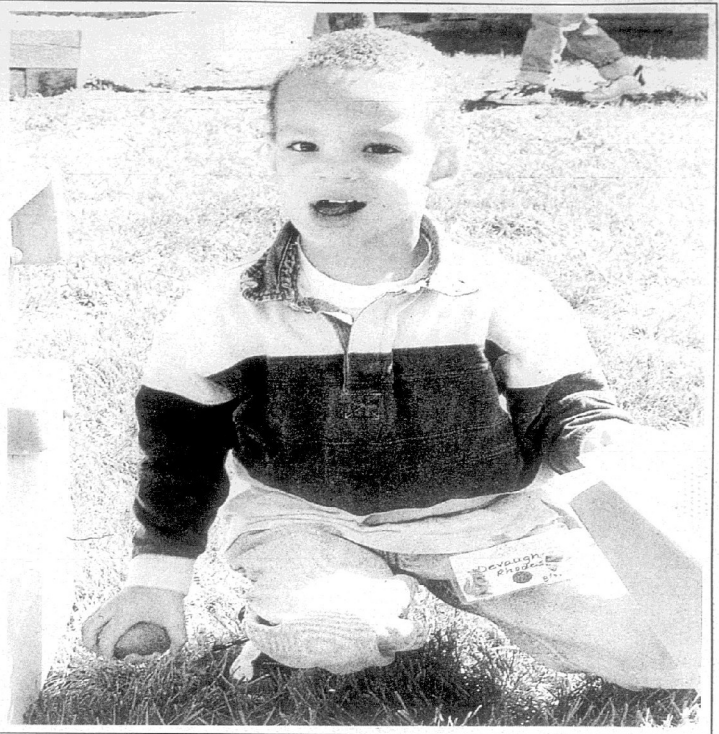
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On the hunt — Above, Alexis McCabe, 4, Belleville, displays one of the eggs she discovered in an Easter egg hunt on the child care playground at Belleville Area College. At right, DeV Vaughn Rhodes, 3, Swansea, prepares to bag an egg he found during the hunt.



A whirlwind tour

Riley, Moseley-Braun take tour of the 'state-of-the-art' school

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Waiting for dignitaries can be nerve-racking, especially when you're worried about tornadoes.

Granite City School District officials were waiting for U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley and U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Illinois, when a tornado warning was accidentally broadcast throughout the city.

The two toured Granite City High School, which is finishing up a \$12 million renovation. A few telephone calls quickly cleared up the tornado-warning matter, and the dignitaries arrived.

As part of the tour, Riley and Moseley-Braun met with about 100 teachers, administrators, and honor students who came in during spring break, then made a brief tour of the building, including a computer lab.

Superintendent Steve Balen told them that work on the \$12 million renovation is completed except for "hanging the last few doors and doing some cleanup."

"It raises this high school to a state of the art building — with new plumbing, new wiring, its wired for all the new

technology," he said.

Balen said the high school is a source of pride for the community. "Almost everybody in this community went through this high school, so its a real source of pride."

The original building was built in the 1920s, with one electrical outlet for each room, he said.

"The very first computer lab we hooked up, each computer had its own extension cord going to that one outlet, and when the welding shop started working, it pulled all the electricity out of the lab and the lights and everything went off," Balen said.

After the tour, Moseley-Braun and Riley each both spoke briefly.

Moseley-Braun said a high school and college education is increasingly important.

"The country depends on you being trained to be the most productive people in the world," she said.

She also said education needs the support of the whole community, and partnerships must be created to improve schools.

"What we've seen here today in this community is phenomenal," she said.

Riley echoed her praise for

GCHS.

"This is a beautiful environment," Riley said. "It says to me when I walk in the door that education is honored here."

He compared it to a school he recently toured in Los Angeles, where leaking water set off a fire alarm and damaged rooms, disrupting the students and making it difficult for them to learn.

He also encouraged students to consider a career in education, citing the need for enthusiastic teachers in the next 10 years.

Riley also said the federal government is committed to giving everyone who is qualified a chance to continue their education.

"Everybody, all of you, are going to have a chance to go to college," he said. "Money will not be a problem, but students must be prepared."

He also praised Moseley-Braun, saying she stood up for school improvements while others "ran."

As part of the tour, Riley met Monday with students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and visited the SIUE East St. Louis Center early Tuesday morning.

Dignitaries in agreement: Education is top priority

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Education has to be a top priority of the federal government, but control should remain at the state and local level, according to U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley.

Riley, along with U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Illinois, visited Granite City High School and the SIUE East St. Louis Center Tuesday.

"When I think of the federal role (in education), this is the information era — I call it the education era," Riley said.

He added that the U.S. is "the most powerful, the most important, the most democratic country in the history of civilization," and public schools have "an awful lot to do with that."

Moseley-Braun echoed his sentiments, saying education should not be a political "wedge" issue.

"Education should not be something that would separate issue and create arguments. Anybody who thinks there is no federal role in education should look at the international exam tests in math and science."

She was referring to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, which showed that U.S. high school seniors ranked last in math

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Carol Moseley-Braun
Senator

and science.

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"Clearly that suggests that something is not working."

Riley pointed out that in fourth grade, U.S. students were near the top, but fell to average by eighth grade, and dropped to the bottom by their senior year.

"High school students need to be encouraged," he said. One way is to involve college students and faculty in mentoring middle school and high school students.

Both also said more funding is needed, especially for building improvements and new construction.

"We have a proposal that will give us the ability to leverage \$22 billion for school construction. I'm hopeful that

that will pass," Moseley-Braun said.

Riley said although education is a top priority for the federal government, control needs to remain at the state and local levels and ways must be found to cut through the red tape.

"In this strong country, it would be folly for us as a nation not to have education as a top priority," he said.

"We think the control ought to be on the state and local level, but we ought to support them with sensible, commonsense things that everybody would be helpful," Riley said. "We think education is a state responsibility, a local function, but must be a national government priority, and that makes good sense to me."

GRADUATES

The following is a list of Belleville Area College students who graduated in the 1997 Fall Semester as released by Ted Lewis, vice president for student development. The list also denotes students who graduated with honors, high honors and a perfect grade point average.

The students are listed alphabetically according to home town.

PERFECT GPA
Fairview Heights — Kathy Siemeck
Granite City — Kristen Hamilton
O'Fallon — Arthur Morrisette.

HIGH HONORS

Belleville — Jean Frey
Belleville — Cythia Brown, Cheryl Carmona-Figueroa, Kimberly Carpenter, Piper Devros, Jeanne Doedli, Romona Hahn, Garret Gene Hoylman, Michael Lafien, Debra Lincoln, Kristopher Lowry, James Malan, Brent Mills, Deborah Tate, George Voss.

Cahokia — Cherline Grant, Caseyville — Marian Ammons, Steven Flemke, Silvia Kuechle.
Collinsville — Karen Mercer, Carolyn Pirtle, Carrie Wenos.
Columbia — Scott Dabbs.

Fairview Heights — Janet Keck, Joseph Schmitt, Eric Stafford.
Freeburg — Deborah Bruyette.

Fulton — Eric White.
Granite City — Jan Bain, Brenda Dilallo, Michelle

Harris, Karen Poole, Anna Roseman.

Marine — Denise Grotefend.

Mascoutah — Thomas Galbraith, Audra Kelly.

Millstadt — Kelly O'Donnell.

New Athens — Beth Schilling.

O'Fallon — Mark Buttner, Linda Fingerhut, James Fogwell, Diane Jarrell, Michael Shelton.

Red Bud — John Parker.

Scott AFB — Tracy Morris, Jana Smith.

Smithton — Delena Van Roekel, Andrew Wittenauer.

St. Jacob — Christopher Elliott, Carol Latham.

Stanton — Andrew Forbes.

Swansea — Bruce Neuner, Joseph Perrin, Marilyn Yeager.

Trenton — Carol Wiegmann.

Troy — Diana Smith.

Waterloo — Laurie Grubb, Dana Kruse, Kristina Schilling.

Worden — Heather Schreiber.

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Belleville — Joseph Avelone, John Bethard, Barbara Cimarrilli, Suzanne Clouser,

Paula Corzine, Matthew Garland, Robbie Hearn,

Melody Hyland, Jeffrey Isbister, Rachel Landis, Janet Lawson, Marie Parrott,

Jamie Porter, Thomas Pour, Owen Ratliff, Traci Richard,

Heather Richardson, Retta Sage, James Scott II, Jane Tribout, Michael Troy, Gregory Wiegiers.

East St. Louis — Brian Schell, Carlie Smith, Bernadette Tsasa, Teresa Wombacher.

Arthur Jalinsky, Charles Levy Jr., Teresa May, Loretta Siekmann, Ricardo Suria, Patrick Voss, Joy Warren.

Dupo — Marion Chartrand.

East Carondelet — Michael Gaynor.

East St. Louis — Cynthia Dorris.

Fairview Heights — Michelle Cleveland, Kathryn Rahn, David Uhles.

Freeburg — Tracy Coughlin, Catherine Belt.

Glen Carbon — Joy Warren.

Granite City — William Brannan Jr., Eric Brown, Aaron Bebe, Kellie Dellamano, Kimberly York, Amber Zeffoff.

Lebanon — Paula Proffitt.

Maryville — James Mersinger.

Mascoutah — Melissa Monfre, Wendy Pride.

Millstadt — Stacy Pfeffer, Stephen Shoemaker.

O'Fallon — Sharon Buckmann, Barbara Carson, Betty Holmes, Anjelica Shaffer, Amy Williams.

Scott AFB — Jon Lindsay.

Sumnerfield — Natalie Lanning.

Smithton — Chad Boeving, Kristin Cyvas, Mathew Kraft.

Swansea — Marsha Lauko, Emily Oloyed, Patrick Swierczek, Rebecca Wilkey.

Trenton — Lora Farrar.

Troy — Carrie Behnke, Jeffrey King, Kara Koch.

Waterloo — Gretchen Hasty, Mark Miller.

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Allison Branson, Cindy Chamberlain, Lisa Emmons,

Benjamin Fuchs, Matthew Grayson, James Gunter,

Michael Harrawood, Donald Harris, Leslie Hoffmann,

Todd Holland, Amy Rebecca Hopkins, Jamie Kerr,

Michael Lyke, Melissa Martern, David McPherson,

Lynette Miles, Sue Moritz,

Richard Munie, Michael Osborn, Carrie Reamer,

Heather Ross, Todd Schmidt, Sherry Smith, Cindy Stroot, Tammy Tankersley,

Christopher Vollmer, Michaela Wagner, Timberly Walton, Scott Williams.

Cahokia — Christine O'Neill.

Caseyville — Valdis Largent Jr.

Collinsville — Tina Brunsatti, Matthew Chandler, Michelle Clark, Darren Egan, Karen Kolo, William Lappe Jr., Lisa McFall,

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Columbia — Sean Edwards, Andrea Hamilton, Christopher Pfisterer, Gregory Weiss.

Dupo — Deborah Middleton.

East St. Louis — Sharon Smith.

Fairview Heights — Margaret Belt, Brent Bishop,

Crystal Deis, Mark Harris, Douglas Heisner, Melissa Keller, Michael Miller, Aleta Placide.

Freeburg — Cheryl Casey, April Fishback, Joseph Garland, Rebecca Kalert.

Glen Carbon — Ryan

Tucker.

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Marissa — William Buckentin, Rebecca Lewis, Luke Nailborski.

Mascoutah — Chad Ripperda.

Millstadt — Justine Ables,

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Lotina Karcher, Craig Redden.

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Heather Renshaw, Scott Shelton.

O'Fallon — Frank Austin,

Brian Cohoon, David Evland,

Caroline Grubb, Shelley Keplar, Katherine Mac

Nutt, Travis Miller, Tina

Munie, Julie Spiker, Eric

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Acura gives the SLX more power, new styling

By Tom Strongman

Acura's SLX luxury sport-utility vehicle (SUV) has undergone several changes for 1998, among them a new, more powerful engine, a new Torque On Demand four-wheel-drive system and a restyled front end.

This year there is only one model, and its base price of \$36,300 is \$2,000 less than last year's Premium model. It is loaded with leather seats, wood trim, power moon roof, compact disc player, heated outside mirrors and anti-lock brakes. The outside mirrors can be folded back electrically for driving in close quarters, either off-road or on.

Acura, which is the American luxury division of Honda, got into the luxury SUV business by agreeing with Isuzu to sell a dolled-up version of its Trooper. Honda and Isuzu also cooperate on the Honda Passport, which is essentially a rebadged Isuzu Rodeo.

Luxury SUVs function as luxury sedans, for the most part, but they are appealing because they have big interiors and still can handle reasonable off-roading. Skid plates are built in to protect vital parts from rocks and logs.

The 215-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 engine is a dual-overhead-cam (DOHC) unit with four valves per cylinder, while the one from last year was a single-overhead-cam design. Both the cylinder block and cylinder heads are aluminum. This engine has 25 more horsepower than last year and consequently feels somewhat livelier. Its low-speed power has been

improved a bit, although it still responds most energetically when it is revved. Vibration is commendably absent, and its smoothness rivals that of a luxury sedan.

Fuel economy is up, too, by 1 mpg in both city and highway driving. The automatic transmission has both "power" and "winter" modes. The "power" mode raises shift points for stronger acceleration, while "winter" engages third gear for starts in order to avoid wheel spin.

I often found that I slid the gearshift lever past D4 to D3 because the detent is not strong enough. A soft detent between these gears is fairly common on other Hondas as well, so it must be designed this way to ease shifting down for more power.

Also new this year is Torque On Demand four-wheel drive. This shift-on-the-fly system is engaged at the touch of a button and sends power to the wheels with the most traction. A system like this is most useful when the roads are slick or when tackling obstacles off-road. A small pictogram on the left side of the instrument panel gives a visual representation of how the system is working.

Inside, there is ample room throughout, thanks to the tall and boxy profile. You won't knock your cowboy hat off riding in this vehicle, that's for sure. The front seats are wide and flat, yet provide decent lateral and lum-

Engine:
3.5-liter, V-6
Transmission:
Automatic
Wheelbase:
108.7 inches
Curb Weight:
4,615 pounds
Base Price:
\$36,300
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15 city, 19 highway

bar support. There is plenty of room in back, too. Of course, dropping the back seat opens up a sizable cargo space that is easy to use because the side-opening rear door is hinged vertically.

Putting down the back seat requires flipping up the bottom cushion and removing the headrests from the seat back. A simpler design gets used more frequently.

The radio is an old design whose small buttons require too much attention to use without being distracted from the road.

Last year the SLX and Trooper were embroiled in a controversy because Consumer Reports magazine gave them an "unacceptable" rating, alleging they were prone to tip in certain evasive maneuvers. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) did not find fault with the design and said that, based on its investigations, it would not order a recall of the Trooper or SLX.

The base price of our test vehicle was \$36,300. Everything was standard, and the addition of freight brought the sticker price to \$36,735.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: The SLX provides a luxurious environment with a smooth and powerful V-6 engine and an all-new Torque On Demand four-wheel-drive powertrain.

Counterpoint: Irritations are few: The gearshift slides too easily past D4, the radio has too many tiny buttons and folding the back seat is not as easy as it could be.

Points & Plugs

By Rick Stott

"Green" cars are on the minds of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, which has produced car and truck ratings based on emissions, fuel economy and other factors, such as weight.

The top score, not surprisingly, went to the General Motors EV1 electric car, which scored only 56 out of a possible 100 points. (Must really be a tough test.)

Most vehicles in the top 12 utilize electric or compressed natural gas propulsion sources. These included the electric Toyota RAV4, Chevrolet S10, Ford Ranger, Honda EV, Chrysler Epic and natural gas Honda Civic and Ford Crown Victoria. Four conventional gasoline-powered vehicles with 1.0- to 1.8-liter engines made the list: the Chevrolet Metro, Suzuki Swift, Mitsubishi Mirage and Honda Civic.

The "dirtiest" vehicle listed by the group is the Lincoln Navigator sport-utility vehicle, which scored 27 points of a possible 100. The group's "dirty dozen" consists of trucks, sport-utility vehicles and two exotic sports cars, the Ferrari 550 and Lamborghini Diablo.

Escalade is supposed to be the name of a new Cadillac sport-utility vehicle, while Pilgrimage is the name given to a satiric sport-utility vehicle posted on a web site that opposes sport-utility vehicles. The Pilgrimage would be a 20-passenger, 10-wheel, off-roader built on a Kenworth tractor-truck chassis.

Ojisan is the Japanese term for middle-aged, according to Automotive News magazine. It has been used in describing Toyota's marketing goals, in terms of building cars attractive to younger Japanese buyers to help the company overcome its ojisan image.

Automotive News also reports that an Indianapolis Jeep-Eagle dealer is stirring up a stink over his plans to market cars on the Internet and deliver them free within a 300-mile radius. That radius walks over a lot of other Jeep-Eagle dealers, since it includes all of Indiana and Ohio, most of Illinois and Kentucky and portions of Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

General Motors isn't exactly working overtime to build the limited-range EV1 electric car for American customers, but Toyota is coming up short on filling demand for its Prius hybrid car. The car can motor along under battery power or use a small engine for longer trips that would use up the battery. Toyota has about 3,500 orders in hand for the car and presently is capable of building about 1,000 per month.

People in the automobile business are used to working hard to develop all possible sales leads. An auto dealer in Michigan has been accused by two employees with working too hard to cover all the bases. Both a male and female employee have sued the dealer for sexual harassment.

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Employment

City parks employees wear many hats

By Steve Bryan

When the weather turns warm and sunny, almost every office worker would love to trade their stuffy cubicles and stacks of paperwork for any job that means working outdoors.

On those days, employment with the City Parks Department might seem like the ideal career. These employees work among the flowers and the trees and, best of all, get paid for it.

"We have a variety of jobs," said Dan Skillman, construction and maintenance manager for the City of St. Louis Parks Department. "We have jobs from the non-technical to the technical. We hire laborers up to degreed folks like myself."

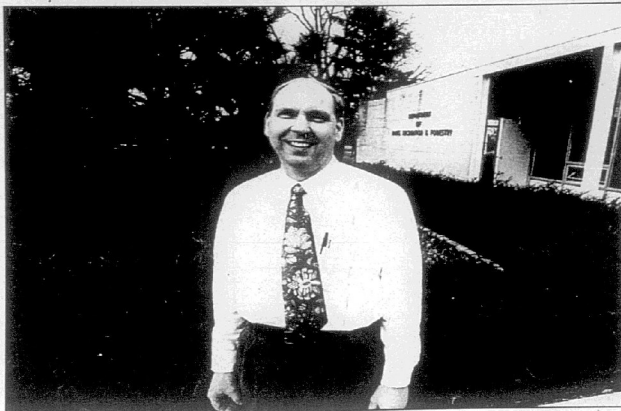
As assistant to the park commissioner, Skillman manages several sections of the city parks department. He oversees and coordinates the efforts of employees with various talents and abilities. Those who work in the ground maintenance section, for example, take care of grass cutting, prepare athletic fields and oversee the maintenance of the comfort stations in the city parks.

Currently, these employees maintain 3,200 acres of park land, 300 acres of median strips and other areas that Skillman calls "traffic islands," the green spaces next to main roads.

People with a background in carpentry, painting, plumbing or HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) should consider employment in the facility section, the area that repairs park buildings.

With so many people using the city parks for recreation or special events, crowd control and public safety is a primary concern for the parks department.

To handle these special needs, the security section employs approximately 35 security officers, primarily in Forest Park and 10 park



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recreation centers. Anyone with a green thumb should seek work with the horticulture section. These employees take care of flowers in the medians, at the Jewel Box and do the daffodil planting on the interstates.

"We would also like to acquire the services of a landscape architect," Skillman said. "That's a large part of our work. Anytime you're talking about park design and tree planting, the services of a landscape architect are vital."

Careers in this field have plenty of room for advancement and growth. Skillman has been a member of the St. Louis City Parks

Department for 21 years and has been in his current position since 1988.

"I was hired right out of college," Skillman said. "When I started out, I was hired as a civil engineer. I oversaw our planning and design department. We did our own designs and building on all park projects."

"Primarily, we did a lot of playground projects, some landscaping, sidewalk replacement and asphalt walkways," he said.

Besides the benefits of working outdoors, a career with the City of St. Louis Parks Department can be rewarding in other ways as well. Skillman was recently named as the "City Employee of the Year" for 1997.

Downsizing: It still happens

By Steve Bryan

For most of us, job opportunities are quite plentiful these days. Many employers need good, qualified people and are willing to pay what it takes to hire them.

Other workers, however, aren't as lucky. They spend many years working for just one company until, in order to cut costs, they are "downsized" by their employers.

Many people in this situation find themselves out of work with no marketable skills. They must go back to school for retraining or take one, perhaps two, lower paying jobs.

Ironically, in many cases, the companies that downsized them were doing quite well and making record profits before cutting back on their human resources.

"It's going on all across the country," said documentary filmmaker Michael Moore. "It used to be if you were a good worker, you didn't have to worry."

Moore has seen the devastation that downsizing can bring first hand.

In the 1980s, General Motors (GM) shut down their plants in Moore's home town of Flint, Mich., a town whose economy depended on the automotive industry.

In his film, "Roger and Me," Moore documented the after effects of the closings plus his two-year struggle to question GM Chairman Roger Smith about the decision to move Flint plants to Mexico.

"I think anyone who has a job these days should not take it for granted," Moore said. "You've got to have backup plans and think ahead. It doesn't matter how hard you work."

Last year, Moore went on a special tour across the United States to promote his book, "Downsize This!" On this tour, he tried to speak with the CEOs of profitable companies that recently downsized their staffs.

His efforts are visible in "The Big One," his latest documentary. Like Moore's other works, this film is funny but contains a serious message.

"Don't ignore those left behind in these good, economic times," Moore said. "If you're doing well, think about those people who are working second jobs as waitresses and in maintenance. Treat them with kindness and respect."

Moore said that anyone who has been downsized or is interested in helping those that have should contact the local chapter of Jobs with Justice at 822-2477. This is an organization dedicated to preserving the rights of working people.

Moore also practices what he preaches. Miramax, the distribution company for "The Big One," is contributing 50 percent of its profits from this film to the people of Flint, Mich.

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Salary: The starting salary is \$20,431 per year, which is Grade 6 of the FY 98 Support Services Salary Schedule.

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BAC expanding

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Belleville Area College was designed in the early 1970s to accommodate 3,000 students. Enrollment now stands over 10,000, and expansion of the college will begin this summer.

The new structure of the project 95 percent complete, the college plans to see construction bids by the end of next month, said Denise Breunig, project manager with Woolpert, the Belleville architectural company for the new additions.

When complete, capacity at the Belleville campus will be increased by 106,000 square-feet and the Red Bud campus by 38,000-square-feet, said H.O. Brownback, director of the departments of planning, evaluation and research at the college.

The new structure at the Belleville campus, tentatively called the Information Sciences Building, will be built to the north of the college along Highway 161. It will house the college library and business division. The Center for Training Innovation, and student services, including counseling, career placement, financial aid, admissions and records, will also be located in the Information Sciences Building.

The new addition will house a total of 21 classrooms, computer labs, and additional training rooms. H.O. Brownback, director of departments of planning, evaluation and research, said the portion of the building will be designed as a "smart classroom" with video projectors, state-of-the-art computer facilities including Internet access, and projection screens.

"We will teach a standard elect type of class in this new building, the entire year's worth of lecture may be on power point," Brownback said. "It's truly a multi-media concept."

"One of the challenges of working with this project is the use of technology in the future. We want to try and avoid product obsolescence," Brownback said.

The new building will be a separate two-stories with two wings connected by a central corridor.

The college's softball field will be paved over for parking spaces. The ballfield will be relocated to the south of the college near the athletic gymnasium.

The Red Bud campus addition will be connected by a corridor to the existing college building. A library, six to seven general purpose classrooms, three science labs, and student development and registration offices will be located in the new part.

The new Red Bud addition also will house an art studio with drawing tables and a darkroom. A performing arts room also will be constructed.

"I believe it will be extensively used by the community," Brownback said. "There is no place right now for cultural events, or guest speakers. They would have to use the high school auditorium."

Seventy-five percent of the \$16.7 million project will be funded by the state. Funding for the planning phase was awarded to the college almost two years ago, said Brownback.

Breunig said the Red Bud addition should be complete by August 1999. The Belleville addition should be finished by August 2000.

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